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TAX COMMISSION RENDERS ITS REPORT.

Recommends Raising Tax on Wild Lands, Ad Valorem Tax for Public Corporations and Direct State Tax.

The members of the Maine Tax Commission, Morrill N. Drew of Portland, William S. White of Rockland, Milton L. Merrill of St. Albans, George M. Hanson of Calais and Frank C. Deering of Saco, appointed under authority of Chapter 108 of the Laws of 1907, to investigate the present system of assessing and collecting taxes in the State of Maine, Friday submitted their report to Governor William T. Cobb. Commissioners White and Merrill submitted dissenting reports. The report of the commission recommends that: All assessments be at the full market value, that State assessors be invested with greater powers, that the State tax be apportioned according to land values, that public service corporations be taxed on ad valorem basis, that savings deposits in national banks be taxed, that life insurance companies be taxed according to the value of their reserves, that automobiles be taxed according to the size of the car, that the tax on bank stock be made uniform, that a direct and collateral inheritance tax be levied, that uniformity be brought about in the taxation of steamboats, that a mortgage recording tax be levied, that poll taxes be made uniform in all municipalities, that pleasure boats be taxed wherever found on April 1, that foreign corporations pay a license fee, that a public utilities commission be created, that State, county and municipal bonds be exempted from taxation, and that securities of such Maine corporations as pay a tax based on their full value be exempted.

Lack of space will not permit giving the report in full. The following are among the important suggestions. Apportionment of the Direct State Tax. We hold that the State should apportion the State tax upon cities, towns, plantations, and unincorporated townships in the proportion that their respective land values bear to the total land value of the State. About one-half of our territory contains no class of property other than land. This is the only class of property found in all our geographical and political subdivisions, and we believe in a sound principle of "just and equitable" taxation that a taxing power should have its revenue as a class of property which is uniformly distributed throughout its domain, or if it is to derive its revenue from indirect taxation, as is the case with our Federal Government, it should levy its duty on a class of property that is used in all sections of the country—otherwise the revenue of the Government would be contributed by the property or people in a comparatively small section of the Commonwealth.

The present direct State tax amounts to \$1,183,274.42, being three mills on our total valuation. Of this amount, the cities and towns pay \$1,071,512.84 and the lands \$111,761.58. If the present direct State tax had been apportioned on land values the cities and towns would have paid \$1,073,755.56, this being \$16,747.34 less than now paid, and the wild lands would have paid \$281,893, this being \$26,117.42 more than now paid.

Regarding the counties as a whole, the tables will show that every county in the State derives a material benefit are two—Arroostook and Oxford. The municipalities as a whole in Androscoggin would have paid \$14,992.61 less State tax; Cumberland, \$10,493.33; Franklin, \$4,682.45; Hancock, \$8,669.50; Kennebec, \$28,128.58; Knox, \$11,739.20; Lincoln, \$2,627.43; Penobscot, \$2,176.47; Piscataquis, \$3,691.77; Sagadahoc, \$12,458.22; Somerset, \$12,759.83; Waldo, \$4,165.73; Washington, \$4,699.88; and York, \$9,092.

It will be noted that we as yet have said nothing about taxing land values. We have discussed only the apportionment of the State tax. Our idea is that we shall use the land values of cities,

FURTHER STIRRING OF THE TROUBLED WATERS.

South Paris Doesn't Like The Editor's Conclusions.

Says Our Correspondent—A Communication.

To the Editor of the Citizen:
After reading very carefully your article in last week's Citizen, giving the results of your investigation of the Norway Water System, I have written this article on the same subject and hope you will be able to find room to use it in the columns of your paper.

To the citizens of South Paris Village Corporation it seems almost impossible that anyone could make a "full and fair" investigation of this question and learn no more of the actual facts than you appeared to discover. There are several things in the article to which any loyal voter of this corporation has a right to take exception.

In the first place the editor of the Citizen deprecates the fact that a strong feeling has grown out of this question between the people of the two villages. This, I do not believe to be a fact. That the people of our village have no great love for some of the directors of the Norway Water Company is true, but that this feeling is allowed to extend to the people of Norway as a whole, is not true. I believe there never has been a time when socially the people of the two villages were so united and harmonious as they are today. Had the editor of the Citizen visited the two villages last summer, when we were without water for weeks, he would have heard nearly, if not quite, as much condemnation for the Norway Water Company in one village as in the other, and would have realized that the opposition to the Company was not all on this side of the line. He thinks that with their present equipment there is no doubt but what they can supply water at all times. They had the same number of pumps then and could not, and accidents are liable to occur at any time which will again make their pumps useless.

In last week's article the editor of the Citizen deals with two questions; the pressure maintained and the quality of the water. Let us for a moment look at the same questions.

The Pressure. Everyone knows what the pressure has been in the past few years, so we will do as the editor did last week and, confine ourselves to what present conditions are. No one will claim that the amount of money expended by this Company in the last two years has been a wholly without results, but the people of our village do claim that Mr. Howler's conclusions that our pressure now is ample for our needs is not correct.

On December 17, 1908, Mr. Geo. R. Morton and Chief Engineer Howler made a test of the pressure. When they

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NEW WONDERS TOLD OF ALASKA RANGE.

Angus McDougall, a Former Resident of Rumford,

Makes Interesting Discovery.

Miss Margaret McDougall of Ridgelyville has recently received a letter and paper from her brother Angus McDougall of Fairbanks, Alaska which tell of a valuable discovery recently made by him. McDougall, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. McDougall resided in Rumford for some time when the village was in its infancy and the following article from the Fairbanks Daily News of October 29th will no doubt prove of interest to our many readers.

The Alaska range, the long chain of heavily mineralized hills that stretches across Alaska has long been regarded as one of the most important storehouses of the North's undeveloped mineral treasures.

Never has a prospector returned from that section with other than the most optimistic report of the range's promising indications. Angus McDougall, a well known old-timer of this section and a thoroughly trained hard-rock man, who recently returned from the Chitina section by way of a little explored part of the range is no exception. He sees a future of far greater importance than the placer fields of the interior.

McDougall spent the summer in the Koskolina, a Chitina tributary, driving

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A BAD SMASH UP.

Ralph Penley of South Andover

Thrown from Sleigh and Fractured Hip.

One of the worst runaway accidents that has happened in Rumford for a long time occurred Friday morning, when Ralph Penley, a young man from South Andover was thrown from a sleigh and quite badly injured. Young Penley drove into town at about half past eight in the morning and was crossing the bridge near Morse's grain mill when all of a sudden the horse threw up its head and started running at a whirlwind gallop.

In trying to make the turn at the head of Congress St. the team smashed against the watering tub and a lever was thrown to the ground several feet away while the sleigh was completely demolished. Several parties soon came to the assistance of the injured fellow and he was taken in a team to the office of Drs. Blawie and McCarty, where it is was found that his hip had been fractured besides his being badly shaken up. Had it not been that the young man was clothed in heavy garments the injuries might have been more serious.

RUMFORD MILK MEN BEFORE THE COURT.

Charged With Selling Im- pure Milk.

The pure milk war has reached this section of the country and as a result two of Rumford's milk dealers were brought into court Thursday morning on the charge of selling impure milk. The first case taken up was that against A. G. Goddard. Among the witnesses were Colin Mann, Milk Inspector Standwood and Dr. C. M. Bisbee. According to the evidence brought in milk had been sold which contained formaldehyde also which was taken from cows affected with garget. Lower Parker appeared for the state and Lawyer Blanchard for the defense. Goddard was found guilty by the court and fined \$10 and costs, which he paid and was discharged.

The next case was against Scott Richardson who was not only fined for selling impure milk but for selling milk that had been skimmed for good milk. The witnesses included Arthur Gustafson, Dr. Standwood and a son of the respondent. The same lawyers appeared in the case as in the one previously named. Judge Stearns adjudged the man guilty and imposed a fine of \$10 and costs. Mr. Richardson appealed.

CHRISTMAS EVE AT THE CONGREGATIONAL CHAP- EL, BETHEL.

The workmen found it impossible to finish the dining room in season for the usual Christmas supper, so a picnic supper will be served in Garland Chapel Thursday at six o'clock. The members of the Sabbath School and their friends are invited and all are requested to bring their contribution of food without further soliciting.

The exercises by the children will begin at half past seven o'clock. The program will consist of music and recitations which will be followed by the bringing of the Christmas trees. Bring your presents early as the committee will have plenty of time to arrange the trees. Come to supper at six and enter at 7:30.

FUND FOR ATHLETIC FIELD.

Previously acknowledged, \$1,112 C. E. Chapman, Redlands, Cal. 5 Walter N. Keene, W. Poland, Me. 1

Total, \$1,113

CANTORIA.
The kind you know
Signature

WANT COLUMN.

Put your Want and Sale notices here and they will be read in 3,000 Oxford County homes—4 lines 1 week, 25c. 3 weeks, 50c.

HYGIENE FACIAL AND SCALP Treatment. Manicuring, hair dressing, singeing, shampooing, electrolysis and chiropody. Miss Evelyn Berry, Hall Block, Rumford, Me. Graduate of Dr. Parker, Pray System.

Remember and save your leather tops for rubbers. Randall keeps the Ball Brand and Beacon Falls Rubbers this year. 11-10 4 t pd.

FOR SALE—Several tons of good hay. Inquire of Hastings Bros., Bethel.

FOR SALE—Hard wood, green and dry. Hastings Bros., Bethel.

FOR SALE—Cows of all kinds, also some Chester pigs and fall Berkshire and one pair work horses. H. S. HASTINGS, Newry Corner, Me. 12-10 08 3 t p.

FOR SALE—On pair of horses, weighing 2500, good workers and good drivers, six and seven years old. Also two sets of two horse sleds. Call or inquire of F. L. CHAPMAN. 12-17 t f.

TO LET—Two hundred cords of dovetail timber to be cut and hauled. Inquire at once of H. S. Hastings, Newry, Me.

I WANT WOOD SURVEYORS and dealers to use my ready reckoned wood rule; great convenience; circulars sent on application; price \$1.50. J. B. HASTINGS, 12-24 t.

SALESMEN WANTED. WE WANT, as a responsible representative to all vacancy now existing in your town, a School Teacher, Lawyer, Clergyman, Student, business, professional or other enterprising man, who will give the whole or a part of his time to selling Equitable Life Policies, the most popular Life Insurance Company operating in Maine today. It's the harvest time now for the live, enterprising active Insurance man. The Equitable's great prestige is acknowledged. More Maine people are seeking insurance in the Equitable today than ever before. If interested, communicate at once with the Manager for the State, F. H. Hazelton, Portland, Me. 10-23 t

ST. MARGARET'S GUILD HOLDS ANNUAL SALE.

On Thursday afternoon and evening, at St. Barnabas church in Rumford was held the annual sale and supper under the auspices of St. Margaret's Guild. The parish hall was very prettily decorated in red for the occasion and booths in the same color were attractively arranged about the room. At the left of the entrance was stationed the candy booth which was filled with sweets and presided over by Mrs. Claude Gilpatrick, Misses Louise Bryant and Hazel Merrill. The Red Cross booth was next in order and was in charge of Mrs. F. W. Smith. Her were sold Christmas cards and the Red Cross stamps.

Directly opposite was the book where fancy articles were sold. This booth was presided over by Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Neal and many dainty articles were sold during the afternoon and evening. The hall table was well supplied with dolls of all descriptions and wadlows likewise. In the center of the table was an old fashioned doll which is valued very highly by its owner. Placed to the right was a card bearing the following inscription: "My name is Amelia Jane Dickson and I am over 160 years old. My clothes were made from a wedding gown worn by my first mother's mother over 200 years ago." The doll babies were tenderly cared for by Mrs. Emma Smith.

At one corner of the hall was the "Old Oaken Bucket" which resounded to the depths of the well and brought forth a price when a nickel was paid.

From 5 to 7 o'clock a fine supper of salads, cold ham, cranberry potatoes, hot rolls, cake, coffee, etc. was served, the ladies in charge being Mesdames H. W. Ranlett, Stanley Bishop, W. Hardy, Walter Morse and John Reed. During the evening rally and vocal wreaths were sold by Mrs. Ranlett and Mrs. Stratton.

The sale was a most successful one and a neat sum was netted. Mrs. Walter Raynes is president of the Guild.

BAR HAVEN.

A treat is in store for the people of Bethel on Dec. 31, when the Y. P. & C. E. will give the drama, Bar Haven, in Oskoon hall. This is a strong play, full of interest and excitement and with just enough comedy to make it enjoyable. The parts are well chosen, and the play bids fair to be one of the best that has been seen in Bethel for many a month. Let Oskoon hall be filled to the doors, and all who help fill it will be sure to end the year with a smile.

The following is the cast of characters:

Captain Hopper, an old fisherman.

C. B. Cushman

Hardy Stone, his helper.

Y. P. & C. E.

Leo Bradley, in search of an heir.

H. C. Rowe

Gordon Graham, a wealthy ranchman.

E. C. Bowler

Rev. John Wesley Higgins, pastor at Bar Haven.

J. W. Nelson

Cy Brackett who is fishing for fish and Arbelia.

Harry Farrington

Mrs. Wardell of "The Manor."

Miss Eva Twaddle

Florence Wardell, her daughter.

Mrs. H. C. Rowe

Kate Wardell who comes into her own.

Miss Ethel Waterbury

Spray Hopper, the captain's daughter who laughs at love.

Miss Ethel Richardson

Arbelia Wentworth, between the devil and deep sea.

Miss Cleo Russell

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Slashed Prices

in Coat and Suit Department.

Half Price

Ladies' Suits.

\$22.00	for	\$11.00
20.00	for	10.00
18.00	for	9.00
15.00	for	7.50

Ladies' Coats.

\$20.00	for	\$10.00
18.00	for	9.00
15.00	for	7.50
12.50	for	6.25
10.00	for	5.00
7.50	for	3.75
5.98	for	2.99

Children's Coats.

\$9.00	now	4.50
7.50	now	3.75
6.98	now	3.49
4.50	now	2.25
3.98	now	1.99
2.98	now	1.49
1.98	now	.99

These coats and suits are all this fall and winter goods, no old styles, a great opportunity for you to save money, come early before they are all gone.

Thomas Smiley

NORWAY, MAINE.

Our Store is full of everything

and anything you want to fill your list for Christmas shopping.

We have an especially attractive line of Handkerchiefs.

L. M. STEARNS. Bethel, Me.

BETHEL AND VICINITY.

Mrs. Nat Lowe has been very ill.

The Ladies' Aid will be omitted this week.

Miss Elsie Hall was in Bryant's Pond Monday.

Mrs. J. G. Gehring went to Portland Monday.

Leslie Brown was in Berlin, N. H., Saturday.

Mrs. I. H. Wight was in Berlin, N. H., Saturday.

Miss Mabel Goodwin was ill the first of the week.

Mrs. Hodgkin has been ill and under the physician's care.

Miss Luella Boothby is with Mrs. O. M. Mason and Miss Mason.

Mr. David LeBroke of North Waterford, was in town Monday.

Mr. John Allen moved into his new home on Vernon St. last week.

The W. O. T. U. will meet with Mrs. L. T. Barker, Tuesday, Dec. 29th.

Mr. F. L. Edwards has commenced drawing pine to the Chair Factory.

Miss Farwell of West Bethel spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. McKee.

Mr. C. O. Foster comes home from Hildenville today to spend Christmas.

Miss Florence Skillings came home from East Weymouth, Mass., last Saturday.

Mr. Copeland returned last week from an extended business trip in Massachusetts.

Mr. Fred Clark was unable to work the last of last week on account of a bad cold.

Mr. J. C. Billings went to Portland Saturday returning in the evening with Mrs. Billings.

Mr. Packard has been caring for Mr. C. H. Demeritt at North Newry who has been very ill but is improving.

Mr. M. L. Thurston and Walter Emery were in Norway Saturday and purchased some horses to go into the woods.

Mr. Lyman Wheeler has purchased a gasoline engine and saw and is cutting lumber on the A. B. Grover place.

John Swan and Foye Brown have taken the pine on the Sanborn farm to cut and Mr. Charles Cross is to haul it to the mill.

Miss Anna Pingree has been unable to enter school this term on account of chicken pox from which she is now recovering.

A. J. McAllister and family of North Waterford passed through this village Friday enroute for Upton, where he is to take charge of a saw mill for L. L. Mason.

Z. W. and F. D. Bartlett have purchased the Simon Southern farm at Middle interval and are to erect a portable mill and saw out the timber this winter.

News has been received from Rumford of the death of Mrs. L. L. Mills, formerly of Bethel. Mrs. Mills' death occurred at the Central Maine General Hospital, Lewiston.

Mr. John Yates formerly of Bethel, now of Colbrook, N. H. was taken to the Lewiston hospital Saturday for appendicitis. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Lucinda Goodwin of Bethel.

The Ladies' Prayer Circle of the M. E. church will meet with Mrs. Chandler on Church street, Wednesday afternoon. Subject, "The Divine Gift." There is a good interest and attendance and a cordial invitation is extended to the ladies who have not attended as yet.

The free picnic supper of the M. E. church and Sunday School occurs this Thursday at 6 o'clock, in Old Fellows Hall. The supper will be followed by the distribution of gifts from the Christmas trees. All families not solicited please bring or send their part of the picnic. All friends of the church are cordially invited.

Dr. G. M. Twitchell of Auburn will deliver his lecture, "A Love Messenger," at Grand Academy about Jan. 7th. (A definite announcement next week.) Dr. Twitchell has something to say and says it in a forceful and interesting manner. It is hoped a large audience will greet him when he comes to Bethel. The entire receipts of Dr. Twitchell's lecture will be added to the fund for athletic field.

The Columbian Club will meet with Mrs. O. M. Mason on Monday, Dec. 28. Please notice the change in date.

The friends of Mrs. J. C. Billings are pleased to hear of her return from Portland and hope to hear of a speedy recovery.

Mr. W. C. Garey received word Sunday of the death of his mother, Mrs. Ellen Garey of Norway. Mrs. Garey was ill but a short time, death being caused by acute indigestion.

At the Universalist church, Thursday evening there was the usual Christmas exercises. At six o'clock in the dining room of the chapel there will be given the customary free Christmas supper to which all interested friends are invited and the children will all be heartily welcomed. Following the supper there will be a Christmas concert or exercise in the church with the usual Christmas trees. It is rumored that special arrangements have this year been made for a visit from Santa Claus during the evening.

THE CHILD JESUS.

The sacred festivity of this season, when rightly kept, should make us all in spirit, like little children. It carries us back to the new and mighty era of progress and improvement in the world, and we find that it began with a little child. When God would interpose on our behalf, and bring back lost mankind, and restore the race to more than Eden holiness, it is through the instrumentality of a little child. He begins with a new birth. He makes the strong man a little child. You must be born again, "Of water and the Spirit."

"Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of heaven."

You must become as a little child. You must take the hand of your Elder Brother and learn to draw all your strength and safety from him.

The greatest victory is gained by such trust as a little child can entertain, a simple trusting and nothing more.

It is the key that unlocks heaven's gate and bids us enter in. The world will not be saved by helpers who come with the blast of trumpets and the blaze of human glory. God's great and best work of salvation begins in meekness and humility. While we think of the historic Savior and celebrate his birth with accustomed joy, let there be a moral birth also today for us, of Christ in our soul, the hope of glory; of Christ in our conscience; of Christ in our love; of Christ even in our calling. With new zeal, with new sincerity, with new consecration, let Christ be born in our heart, and in our life, "be all in all."

G. L. BANGHART.

There will be a meeting for drill of Sunset Rebekah Lodge degree staff at Old Fellows Hall, Wednesday evening Dec. 30th. A full attendance of the members is desired as there is work to be done.

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NORTH WEST ALBANY.

C. W. Rolfe visited his sons, H. and P. H. Rolfe at East Waterford last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Mills are guests of their daughter, Mrs. Hutchinson.

Chauncy Scribner has been hired for music and Rolfe.

Abel Andrews and Woodson Bennett were over the road with the roller, Saturday.

Allan Cummings and sister, E. W. Rolfe were at E. W. Rolfe's day.

Mrs. Hannah Mason is staying at her daughter, Mrs. Douglas in Mason.

E. W. Rolfe has been working F. A. Bean in Mason.

G. B. Mills and grandchildren, and Ernest Rolfe, visited his daughter, Sunday, Mrs. E. W. Rolfe.

FRYEBURG.

Mrs. Moses Bemis of Lovell, Friday forenoon after a long illness of rheumatism. Mrs. Bemis was pleasantly remembered by many who and her husband kept the Academy House in Lovell many years. Mr. Bemis is very poorly.

Fryeburg Academy closed Friday afternoon after the holidays.

Each of the churches are in Christmas trees and entertainments for the children.

Mattie Abbott is at home from way on a vacation.

Mrs. Geo. Shirley was called to attend the funeral of her sister, Moses Bemis in Lovell. Mrs. Shirley was visiting relatives in Canada Center.

Mrs. Dr. Marks (Leona Emerson) Milan, N. H., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. Dr. Bidlon of Kezar Falls (Lia Turner) is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sarah J. Allard on Elm St.

Our stores as usual are thronged Christmas shoppers.

Mr. Ekeley Stearns of Lovell, in town, Monday.

Mr. Nathaniel Walker, who has been for Mr. Wallace R. Barber years, has opened a repair shop in the building, Mr. Barber closed out his harness business.

Edwin Page was in Portland Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Harsden, who have gone to Everett for a while.

Mr. Richardson has opened a graph parlor in the Jones block.

Stephen Abbott of Conway and Tholt, visited his mother, Mrs. M. Sunday.

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Merry Christmas.

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THE HOME CIRCLE.

Pleasant Reveries—A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers
as they Join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

Editor's Note.—It is our desire to make this department one of the most in-
teresting and valuable features of the whole paper. To this end we ask the as-
sistance of our readers. Choice verse and gems of thought will be gladly re-
ceived. Here are our thanks for anything that our friends have sent or may send.

THE GIFT.
By Frank H. Sweet.
(Copyright, 1908, by American Press
Association.)
The Christmas chimes are sounding on
the air,
And, as I sit and listen to their
sweet,
Uncertain music, gone is every care,
Forgot is all the turmoil on the street.
The troubles that the path of man be-
set,
The vast anxieties of human life,
All fade away, and every fond regret
Is lost in all their glad and joyous
strife.

What though I seem alone on this fair
day,
From happy comradeship stand iso-
lated,
With none to greet me as I walk my
way,
To merely live I count a happy fate—
To merely listen to those joyous sounds
That through the crisp of winter call
so free,
Although the merry-makers on their
rounds
Pause not to think of or remember
me.

Is't not enough that on this Christ-
mas morn,
This glad birth morn of him whose
day it is,
My heart, but yesterday so sad and forlorn,
Doff open to the message that was
his?
Is't not enough to know that from
above
The tidings of a sacrifice divine
Come as a gift of an eternal love
That I have but to take to make it
mine?

The Christmas chimes are pealing,
softly pealing; the joyous sounds are
ringing, ever louder and clearer, near-
er and nearer, like a sweet toned ben-
ediction falling on the ear. Glad
ringers are pulling the ropes, and in
one grand swell of melody Christmas
with its old, yet ever new and marvel-
ous mysticisms, bursts triumphantly on
the earth once more.

The fact that Christmas giving is an
exchange of things often not needed,
and that it tends to mutual loss rather
than mutual gain—which is the law of
barter—elevates it far above trade.
The perennial benevolence which finds
its expression in Christmas giving has
the stamp of the divine and the spirit
and upon it, and it argues that there is
something more in man than the mere
materialist sees there.

Christmas is really the world's festi-
val; every tribe and people upon the
earth's surface observe it in some
form. The forces may vary but the
spirit is everywhere the same. The
different nations of the world celebrate
the various and mysterious deeds of
their great God and do so with the
same fervor and devotion. When we
think of the birth of Washington, or
Lincoln, or the birth of the nation as
a whole, we find that the world cele-
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motives, we assure you, or ambition
for public emoluments that we have
continued our work, or shall continue
it, but only with the desire to do good,
peradventure to brighten some life, en-
courage some dependent one, drop a
few brief words of truth to drive error
from the heart, and possibly to lead
some one to "choose that better part"
that might not otherwise have done so.
How well we have succeeded, you,
reader will have to declare. We are
admonished to "sow beside all waters,"
knowing not which shall prosper, this
or that. We have simply written
for the "Home Circle," the most sac-
red precinct under heaven, and if there
is any home or any heart made better
and brighter because of our words, ver-
ily we shall receive our reward.

Merry Yuletide.
This is the merry Yuletide season,
when all the joys of life center round
the fireside. The members of the fam-
ily, if at all convenient, gather at this
time under the parental roof. To en-
hance good feeling, presents are be-
stowed and greetings sent to absent
ones. The home, be it ever so humble,
is the one sweet spot to which all eyes
are longingly turned, and from which
all happiness radiates.

The proud boast of the old English
common law that "a man's home is
his castle." The four winds of heaven
might blow through its chimneys and
crannies, but the king himself might
not cross its threshold unbidden. Only
the law's stern necessity in pursuit of
crime could authorize an unwelcome
intrusion.

The sanctity of former times still
scrupulously surrounds it, and the
sacredness of its portal has been but
enhanced by the advancement of civi-
lization. The modern home needs
neither towers, battlements, nor bas-
tions to protect it from the assaults of
the powerful. The humblest citizen to
defend his lowly shack can invoke the
protecting arm of the whole nation.

The governments of all the world
foster the love of home. Liberal laws
are enacted with this end in view.
The public domain is generously be-
stowed upon homelike settlers. The
various states, without, we believe, a
single exception, have exempted the
houses from seizure for even a just debt.
In short, the protection and sacrosanct-
ity of the home goes side by side with that
of the person. It is the commendable
desire of every worthy citizen to be the
owner of his own home in fee simple,
and to encourage this desire have all
these beneficent laws been enacted.

But had that been all to secure the
full measure of happiness that may
therein be gained. In our early
Monday school lessons we were taught
that God was everywhere, and, our
stable comforter, and as true. We
are not out in the open that the expres-
sion is real. Now on the eve of the
Christmas season, we are reminded of
the fact that God is everywhere, and
that God is everywhere, and that God
is everywhere, and that God is every-
where.

WHEAT AND TARES

A right, real, merry-go-round, hap-
py Christmas.

When a dozen things crowd at once,
it takes a level headed man to hustle
and not get rattled.

There is much cheer in a kind word
and a "Merry Christmas."

A thing of beauty is a joy forever;
But a thing of duty is a job more ele-
ar.

The fellow who spends all his time
looking for four-leaved clover won't
have much luck.

The worst of all failures are those
who never fail because they never try.

Each soul inherits a share of God's
own nature.—E. E. Hale.

Paradise is for those who command
their anger.—Koran.

No one is a fool always; everyone
sometimes.—Latin.

The easiest way to be happy is to
be natural, to be yourself, without
any airs or assumption or pretensions
to that which you are not.

Don't tell your troubles to others;
they are looking for an opportunity to
tell theirs to you.—George Eliot.

Be humble, or you'll stumble!—D. L.
Moody.

Great men, Milton says, are modest,
"because they continually compare
themselves, not with other men, but
with that idea of the perfect which
they have before their mind."

Songs without words are good, but
dinners without speeches are better.

Some men look for work with about
as much enthusiasm as they would look
for a case of smallpox.

Go forward, race now times, the bet-
ter day.—Browning.

Beautiful and right it is that gifts
and good wishes should fill the air
like snow flakes at Christmas tide.

"No," said Mrs. Jenner Lee Oudego,
"my husband doesn't swear, except
when he talks politics. I suppose I've
heard him say a thousand times: 'Ding
the tariff!'"

Live daily, constantly, with a high
purpose, putting forth moral energy in
the minute conflicts of desire with the
voice of right. This is the way to keep
our spiritual weapons bright and strong.
—Channing.

The value of a Christmas gift lies
in the testimony it gives of the affect
that prompts it.

The noisy man has plenty of friends
if he can only make a sound like real
money.

Hiram Huggins has got a new out-
fit, which he calls a "ranchman."
It will run about as well, and then
they have to get out and fix it.
Judge.

Women in the spirit of a little long-
ing, are there in one man's heart,
and therefore for children a curse.

And mark your name in trying to
get even.

Accuracy.
The literary quality of the Chinese
mind is well illustrated by a story in
the Travel Magazine. An American,
visiting in Hongkong, desired to buy
some convenient quans, and with that
purpose in mind entered a jeweler's
store.

The selection made, he wrote upon
a piece of paper the inscription:
"Hongkong, 1908." To have the name
engraved on the bowl. As he started
to leave the store, the "Chinaman"
called him back and asked for a de-
posit.

The gentleman gave him 75 cents,
making a note of the fact on the pa-
per on which he had written the in-
scription.

When he called for the quans the
next day it was inscribed in the bowl:
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"My tooth is just killing me," she
complained.

Why don't you go to the dentist
about it?" asked he.

"Because," said she, "I owe him
money."

"You and I seem to be in hard luck,"
said he. "Now, look at me. Every
time I go out in my automobile it
breaks down right in front of some
store where I owe a lot of money."

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NORWAY WATER SYSTEM

When we announced our intention to make an investigation concerning this much talked of question, into which we did not enter of our own initiative, but had been drawn, through the acceptance for publication in our columns of various articles furnished by people interested in the South L'aris end of the matter, we announced that we would make as full and fair investigation as possible, and present things precisely as we found them or as they

Marxism and innuendo have no place in honest discussion of honest subjects. An important lesson which many fail to learn is, that honest men may, without subjecting themselves to just criticism of unfairness, differ on matters of importance to each other, and we betray a trust that we would have the world place in us when we cannot recognize that fact and allow people to differ.

It was then and there that we resolved to make our investigation and though we made it as honestly and carefully and fairly as we were able to do, and though we commended where commendation was due, and criticised where criticism was justified, yet, as we felt obliged to take a somewhat different view of present conditions than we had been allowing our correspondents to take in our columns during the past few months, our motive is

There were but two matters of importance concerning the controversy which we touched, that of pressure and quality of water. As to the pressure question, we did not base our conclusions largely upon Mr. Sleeper's report, as this was a natural thing to do. Perhaps we did err a bit in our phraseology, when in referring to that report, we said it contained a report of actual conditions as found. That, of course was an assumption on our part. We pretend to know nothing of the actual conditions except as reported by Mr. Sleeper and substantiated by Norway and South Paris people. We do affirm, however, that unless than a dozen people at South Paris told us that the results of the tests by Mr. Sleeper were practically as reported by him; and from these facts, together with our limited knowledge of hydraulics, we drew our conclusions, and while we are not putting up any argument for any water company, we submit that with two reservoirs, with a capacity for nearly two million gallons of water, and an elevation of 187 feet the laws of hydraulics will defend the conclusion, that, with proper hose connections, a sufficient stream of streams of water can be had for ordinary fire protection. On the other hand, in case of a conflagration the system would no doubt prove inadequate, as would the systems in practical use on the present fire boats.

Reference is made to the fact that the pump was working when Mr. Sleeper made his tests, and it is intimated that he did not know said pump to be working. The statement was made to us before we issued the report, but we were told by the water company that the pump was working and Mr. Sleeper's report intimates that he knew it was working, for he says, "the pump being beyond the reservoir would not add very much pressure." We, therefore, eliminated that feature from our discussions.

Of course it is better for any town and all towns, if it is possible for them to do so, to own their own public utilities, but we submit to the honest common sense of the people of South Paris, that, because our correspondents have drawn us into a discussion, and made it necessary for us to investigate concerning the present conditions as regards pressure and quality of water in the two villages, this affords no justification to the chief of the South Paris Fire Department in his attempt to lead the people of South Paris to believe that we are opposed to South Paris taking steps to own

Reference is made in Mr. Bowdler's article, to the test made on December 17, with the three streams from one hydrant on the house recently purchased by Mr. Farrar, and he claims that water could not be thrown to the eaves. We know nothing about the location of Mr. Farrar's residence, but if information which has come to us in regard to pressure is true, there must have been some unfavorable conditions connected with the test in question, and our reasoning brings us to the conclusion that the hydrant from which the three streams were taken must have been supplied by a small pipe, because, if proper feed pipes had been connected with the hydrant, a different result could but have been obtained and, if our reasoning is correct, we submit that such a test to be used as an example of what the system will do is not a fair one. On the other hand, we grant that it is possible that the tests which have been made by the Water Company may have been made under the most favorable circumstances, and may also show an exaggeration. It is the system as a whole, and not what it will do under its most favorable conditions or what it will not do under the most adverse conditions, that determines

We have tried in our reference to the matter, to confine ourselves to the system as a whole, and not throw too much weight upon results which have been produced under extraordinary conditions by either of the interested parties, and despite the fact that our report seems to be received with so much dissatisfaction by South America, people who we submit to those 488 people of South America, whom we presume are fair minded people, that we have drawn our conclusions from what we considered the most reliable information which we could obtain, and that an honest consideration of the workings of the system today, as shown by the two tests which have been made, one by the Water Company and one by Paria people, compared with the conditions which we reported in our last issue will not reveal such a departure from facts in our report as to justify any feeling on the part of those 488 people that we have sold our influence to the Norway

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STATE OF MAINE

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the town of Bethel aforesaid, for the year 1908, committed to me for collection for said Town on the twenty-fifth (25) day of May, 1908, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not promptly paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Odeon Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in

FRED B. HOWE, Collector of Taxes of the Town of Bethel.

STATE OF MAINE

Oxford, for the year 1908.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the town of Newry aforesaid, for the year 1908, committed to me for collection for said Town on the fourth (4) day of May, 1908, remains unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Smith's Hall in said Town, on the first Monday is

December 14, 1908.
D. C. SMITH, Collector of Taxes of the Town of Newry.

OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Albany for the year 1908, for the year 1908, committed to me for collection for said Town on the twenty fifth day of April, 1908, remain unpaid, and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not promptly paid, so much of the real estate owned as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Town House in said Town on the first Monday in February next at noon, to-wit: October 13, 1908.

GEO. CUMMINGS, Collector of Taxes of the Town of Albany.

New Century Women Grange met with Canton Grange Wednesday with a good attendance. This being the annual meeting the following officers were elected for the coming year: Master, John Kelley, Adversary Treasurer, E. J. Torrey, Disfield; Steward, Mr. Goggins, West Park; Chaplain, Rev. J. G. Fletcher; Menap; Lecturer, Lewis Thomas, Mexico; Assistant Steward, H. H. Richards, Byron; L. A. Steward, Ross Sweet, Disfield; Gate Keeper, L. E. Irish, Bunker House. A. F. Russell, Canton; Lowell Turner, who also made interesting remarks. An enjoyable program was furnished which consisted of a reading by Mrs. S. A. Childs, Clinton; tries by J. M. Ludden, Saratoc, Lee Nally corant, and Eva Nally, vocal of Canton Point; recitation, W. H. Kent man of East Sumner. The next meeting will be held with West Park Grange the second Wednesday in January.

Mabel Carver is boarding with Mrs. G. Hayford.

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TAX COMMISSION RENDERS ITS REPORT.

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The rate of telephone and telegraph companies is stationary on earnings from 1,000 to 5,000 dollars; it increases a quarter of one per cent, if earnings exceed 5,000 and do not exceed 10,000 dollars; then the rate remains the same for such companies as have earnings in excess of 10,000 but not in excess of 25,000 dollars; after that the rate increases only with each increase of 25,000 dollars of earnings. In the case of steam roads the rate increases with each increase of 500 dollars of earnings per mile, and with electric roads with each increase of a thousand dollars of earnings per mile, while with telephone and telegraph companies the rate does not progress with each increase of 5,000 dollars earnings. We can see no reason for this difference in principle. If increased earnings of 5,000 dollars are to form a basis for the first increase in the rate of tax on telephone and telegraph companies, why should not the rate be increased with each further increase of 5,000 dollars of earnings? This is a matter that should in our judgment, be corrected if the present system is to be retained.

Another thing to which we wish to call the attention of the Legislature is the fact that telephone and telegraph companies pay a tax on receipts only from business done wholly within the State. The exclusion of Maine's proportionate amount of inter-State business from the taxable amount of earnings of inter-State telephone and telegraph companies is illogical and unsound. It is a well recognized fact that the long distance toll business of telephone companies is the most profitable part of their business, and they can well afford to pay a tax upon all tolls received, provided the State is to retain the present system of taxing the property and business of such companies.

Express Companies.
Express companies are assessed an annual State tax equal to two and one-half per cent of their gross receipts from business done wholly within the State, including a proportional part of all express business coming to or going from the State excepting such receipts as are derived from express matter in transit through the State. The real estate of such companies is taxed locally, but the amount paid to municipalities on such real estate as is used in the business is deducted from the amount of the State tax. Here is another rebate which should be abolished.

Municipal Taxation.
We shall now consider under appropriate headings the taxation of certain classes of property from which cities and towns derive revenue for purely municipal purposes.

Poll Tax.
There seems to be no sound reason why a person subject to a poll tax should not pay the same amount whether he resides in Bethel or Kittery. We recommend a provision authorizing the municipal officers to make a special commitment of such portions of the levy as they certify may be lost by further delay.

Money at Interest.
The application of the general property tax to the form of property variously known as "intangible personalty," "rights and credits," "money and securities," or "money at interest," has at all times presented an almost unsolvable problem. On theoretical grounds the very proposition that such property should be taxed at all has been vigorously disputed and in practice a satisfactory method of levying the tax has yet to be found.

That in many cases the enforcement of the tax on "money at interest" would result in confiscation is well shown by the situation in respect to State, county and municipal bonds. Is it fair and equitable for cities and towns to sell bonds at a rate of interest so low and then exact a tax of 5 per cent, annually from the purchaser?

There is another and peculiar consideration in the case of this class of bonds. The proper administration of State, county and municipal bonds requires that only citizens to discharge the duties of certain offices, but also money for improvements. Both men and money are equally necessary, and both are secured for the maintenance of the government. The money loaned a town is performing a service as necessary in the administration of the town as the services rendered by the selectmen, and neither should be taxed for the same purpose.

Maine Railroad and Corporation Bonds.
To all intents and purposes the stocks and bonds of a corporation are merely evidence of ownership in its property and should be treated alike for taxation. If the corporation itself pays taxes on all its property within the State, we can see no sound reason why the individual owners should be subject to a further tax, whether the particular ownership is represented by a certificate of stock or by a bond.

The present law if stringently administered would result in gross injustice. We think it is unjust and inequitable

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started to make the tests it was known by them that the pumps at the pumping station were not running and it was their desire to find out what the actual pressure from the two reservoirs without the aid of the pumps is. They first went to the hydrant near the Court House. Here a loyal friend of the Norway Water Company, who has an office in the Court House, saw what was going on and immediately telephoned Supt. Andrews of the Water Company that the Paris people were making a test, with the result that Mr. Andrews quickly telephoned to the pumping station and had the pumps started. Mr. Morton and Mr. Bowler say this man using the telephone and surmised what he had done. They decided to use the telephone also and calling the pumping station they asked if the pumps were running and were told that they were, that they had just been started. Mr. Bowler then told Mr. Gannon, who has charge of the pumping station, that they wished to test the pressure while the pumps were not in motion and asked him to stop them. In reply Mr. Gannon said he could not stop the pumps without orders from Supt. Andrews and as Mr. Bowler was unable to get Mr. Andrews on the phone, the pumps were left running and the tests made with them in operation. Now, if the pressure without the aid of the pumps is all that it ought to be, why is it that the Company refuses to allow a test to be taken of the reservoir pressure alone?

The results of this test showed that where the pipes have been enlarged the pressure is better, but on the outskirts of the village where there is nothing but a four inch pipe and a dead end at that, the conditions are about the same as they have been for years. At the hydrant in front of the High School building it was necessary to shut the water off three times, take off the nozzle and knock out the gravel stones that had filled it. In case of a fire this would be a rather bad condition for the pipes to be in.

The editor of the Citizen used as a basis for his conclusions the report of D. W. Sleeper, a representative of the Underwriters' Bureau of New England, who recently made a test here. Mr. Sleeper's report shows that since the improvements made by the Company they pump directly into the water mains and the water that reaches the reservoirs is the overflow. This fact was not generally known to South Paris people. The two reservoirs are at a height of 187 feet and yet he claims that there was a static pressure at Norway when the test was made of 95 lbs. According to the reports of authorities on this matter a height of 187 feet under favorable conditions will give a static pressure of a little less than 81 lbs., thus it will be seen that the pumps were adding at least 14 lbs. pressure and probably more.

Another part of Mr. Sleeper's report that is absolutely false is his statement that the South Paris Fire Department is a volunteer one. The men receive pay for every time they attend practice drills, for attending the annual and organization meeting each year and any other meetings the Chief Engineer may think it necessary to call. The amount of compensation is the same as the members of the Norway Department receive, and, in fact, about the only difference is the equipment of the two villages is the electrical alarm which they have at Norway. Naturally the people of Paris would like very much to know who gave Mr. Sleeper his information on this subject. If the rest of his report is not nearer to the truth than this, it cannot be of much value to the two villages.

The two reservoirs being at the same height, it stands to reason that the water from the Norway reservoirs will not flow through the pipes with sufficient pressure to feed into the Paris reservoir several miles away. We are told on good authority that such is the case and in order to get water into the Paris reservoir the gates to the Norway reservoir must be closed and the pumps started. That this is done often enough to keep the Paris reservoir full is extremely doubtful.

Now, if Mr. Bowler at Bethel, was obliged to encourage his excellent gravity system which he enjoys in that village for our system with the present pressure, we think it would not take him long to decide that he did not have a pressure ample for his needs.

Quality of the Water.
In summarizing his conclusions on this question, the editor of the Citizen decides, that as long as the water does not appear to cause sickness and the State Laboratory of Hygiene says it is safe for domestic purposes that we ought to be satisfied with it. The water committee of this corporation take an entirely different view of the matter, and say that if the editor will take an expert, go around the lake and to the reservoir and take samples of the water and have them analyzed as they have done, he will learn more about the quality of the water than

he knew when he wrote his article of last week.

One incident which took place some over a year ago will suffice to show what an excellent filtering and straining department the Norway Water Co. have attached to their pipes. One day a family living on the outer edge of the village was bothered about getting any water through their faucet and so decided to take the faucet off and see if they could find the trouble. They did so and found that it was the remains of a frog, with a few parts of the body missing, that had caused the trouble. Such things are not calculated to increase anyone's relish of the water, as most people prefer it without the frog juice addition. Any who doubt the truth of this statement can easily verify it by going to A. E. Shurtleff, who will show you the frog, preserved in alcohol. We are unable to say whether a frog in the pipes would make the water unsafe for domestic purposes or not. One thing is sure and that is that people of the two villages do not drink it when spring or well water is available.

Mr. Bowler seems to think that the pressure and quality of the water have made all the trouble. Here again he is mistaken. The conduct of the Norway Water Company during this trouble is one of the things which have made Paris people determine to get their own water system, if possible. When a company goes so far as to pump sewage of the vilest sort into their pipes and expose the whole of their patrons to a great danger, for the simple reason of maintaining a good pressure while the Paris Fire Department is making a test, it is time for people to rise and show their indignation. The only thing which saved much sickness as a result of this action was that the water was so yellow and scented so strongly that no one would think of drinking the stuff. Other things that they have done have kept the people constantly enraged until now nearly every citizen of the corporation sincerely hopes that our dealings with the Company may soon be brought to a close.

Mr. Geo. R. Morton, whose article in the Paris Supplement of the Citizen was responsible for the investigation and results as given last week, has written several articles for publication on this matter, and has signed his name to everyone, always ready to back up any statement he has made. On the other hand, articles favorable to the Norway Water Company are not signed, although it is not hard to guess where they come from. Why not sign the articles? Come out fair and square and do by others as they would be done by.

In closing I would ask, why are not the people of Paris entitled to their proposed water system from a business standpoint? Why should they pay high rates to enable an outside company to pump water up hill and then distribute it to them, when they do not want it? By laying a few miles of pipe and building a reservoir to assist nature, we can obtain a water supply through a gravity system. We want it. We are going to have it if we can get it. The Legislature meets now in a short time, and there is going to be something doing. Watch for the results.

HAROLD T. THAYER,
South Paris correspondent for the Citizen.

Mr. Bowler's Reply.
The water question is evidently a tender subject with many South Paris people. As explained in our editorial in this issue, touching the matter, because of various items which our South Paris correspondents have sent us for publication, written for the purpose of hammering the water system, we have been obliged to make an investigation concerning the correctness of their claims. Having absolutely no interest in the matters in controversy we were able to assume a neutral position and report things precisely as we found them; we were aware that our report contained statements which South Paris people would prefer unused, we were also aware that Norway people might take exceptions to some things which we said, providing either party would be satisfied only with a report which would stand wholly in their interest. These facts, however, acted as a part in enabling us to arrive at our conclusions. We were involved in the controversy and were expected to speak for the citizens of South Paris, cannot understand how we could make a full and fair investigation and learn no more of the actual facts than we appeared to discover, and yet be produced in his extended reference to the matter, as startling facts that would enable us to arrive at any different conclusions than we have submitted.

It must be borne in mind that we are not producing arguments, nor making for any material to apply in the

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or the claims of either party in this fight. It remains for the interested parties to do this. Our only justification for being in the matter at all, must be found in the foregoing explanation concerning the various articles printed in our columns and our attempt to investigate the questions raised. Had we been looking for material to use, either for or against either party, we should not have looked in vain. As in all cases where a spirited contest is on, not all that has been said and done in support of the causes of the contending parties has been entirely above board, and, while our correspondent would take exception to our fairness and candor, that, if all that has been done and said by the two factions in this water question matter, both in support of and in opposition to the system, had been done with as firm regard for honest facts, as was what we did and said in our investigation and report, matters would not be in such a state of white heat as they are in today.

The fact is, it was reported at South Paris before our last issue came out that we were going to confirm all that had been stated in our Paris Supplement concerning the water question. We did confirm part of it but we positively could not say that the system was then as it was before the recent improvements, and, although Mr. Morton agreed with us that it had been much improved, yet it would seem that there are those who would take offense because we gave due reference to the improvements and stated the facts as they appeared to us.

Opportunity will not permit of reference to all of the various questions raised by our correspondent, nor is it necessary. Our position is plain and should be understood by all who read our report last week. It would seem that the correspondent read only that part of the report that did not suit him, or a least was at once under the impression that we wrote in the interest of the Norway Water Company, and saw all that was said from that view point. For example, he says, referring to pressure, we will do as the editor did last week, confine ourselves to what the present conditions are, when, as a matter of fact, we justified all that had been said by the South Paris people concerning the service before the improvements were made, and even said that the Water Company could not consistently claim that what had been said was not true. What would you have us do, use up another page to prove that what Mr. Morton and our other correspondents had said and we had admitted was really true?

In this connection you can but suggest, that if, as our correspondent suggests, South Paris people are as a whole taking serious exceptions to our article, something is the matter. Let those people who are so stirred over our unfair report, read it again, carefully and fairly-mindedly; let them mark what we have said in favor of the Paris claim and say if we are fair, then let them mark what we have said, to which they take exceptions, and let them say in reference to that if we are fair, and if they decide that we are not fair, let them say wherein we are unfair.

Reference is made concerning the test made on December 17, but actual results are not given. Now, we would be very glad indeed to publish those results in full. If we have overlooked facts, let us have them, and we will hand them out to the public. It is stated that where larger pipes have been laid the pressure is improved. Would you please say to what extent? We are anxious to know how far we were out of the way. If conditions are not as we understood them to be we want to know it, and if we have actually been in the wrong and correct ourselves. Give us the actual facts which we expect. We agree that we would not be over-anxious to exchange our gravity system in fact or any system which we know of in Maine, and yet it is fair to say that we do not maintain but 80 pounds pressure in Bethel, and if we were to connect three lines of hose to any of the hydrants located at the end of a four inch pipe, we doubt very much our ability to reach the eaves of any ordinary two story house. In fact three lines of hose attached to any of our hydrants would not give satisfactory results.

Please note that this is not another argument in behalf of the Norway Water Company, but an honest statement of fact concerning a question which you have raised. Of course your people did not expect ample pressure for fire protection from the test above referred to. Remote streets in Bethel contain 4 inch pipes. Such pipes feed one line of hose fairly satisfactory when a nozzle of one inch or less is used. But we do not estimate the usefulness of our system by results obtained at such points.

In our correspondent's editorializing the same fairness he would have us show, when he suggests that we conclude that inasmuch as the State Laboratory of Hygiene says the water is safe for drinking purposes, and that no sickness comes to result from using it, South Paris people ought to be satisfied. We fear that this is a very poor argument, and that it is a

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from a strained view point. Just read that again please, exercising the same degree of fairness as we claim to have possessed when we wrote it and see if it won't read differently.

We stated that wiser heads than we possess must decide that most important question. We then referred to the various sources of information which we had sought and gave our results, and from the facts above referred to we simply drew our conclusions, and we challenge any fair minded person in Maine to take the reports of our Maine officials, whose duty it is to guard the public safety in these very matters, supplement those reports by the health reports furnished us by the proper authorities of the two villages, and arrive at any different conclusions that we reached. And, while claiming that we decided that South Paris people should be satisfied to use the water, please note that we suggested that, inasmuch as different authorities seem to differ, a more thorough investigation, such as would remove all doubt, should be had.

Our correspondent has read our thoughts and produced them to the effect, that pressure and quality of water have made all the trouble. If he thinks that he has read us correctly, he has another guess coming to him. We are well aware that it was neither the pressure nor the quality of water that started the trouble. We discovered many things in our investigation, which have had their part in the controversy, which are better out of print than in. We intimated in our report that many minor matters had aided in bringing about the divorced relations. Rich exist, but we confined our report to the important questions at issue, which had been placed before us by our correspondents.

As previously stated, it is not our province as an outsider, to take up new material and add for the sake of watching the fire burn. Much that has already found its way into print would better have been left out. At times of spirited controversy, in order to justify their position, people are apt to resort to actions and intemperance that they would characterize as a weakness in others, and which they themselves would not apply in their saner moments. If they would think twice, and then think again, before rushing into print, at times of aggravation and attending excitement, their cause in the end would be the better served.

Our columns are open, as they have ever been, for discussion of all matters of public interest; anything that will prove of interest to the people of either of these two villages, concerning this important question, will be gladly received and given place, we only ask, that the tone of the discussion, shall be worthy of the cause in the defense of which they are made, and that minor personalities, exaggeration, and innuendo, which have no just place in any honest presentation of any worthy cause, be eliminated, and when the people of South Paris are better acquainted with the Oxford County Citizen and its humble editor, they may come to realize, that either the medium or the man is commissioned to champion any cause, which fails to back itself by an adherence to principles of justice and honor. They may yet learn, that the champions of any just cause may here and there, not one to be carried higher and then by every excess current of public sentiment, or to cover at every appearance of opposition in his views, but rather a reformer with no less a determination than to prove himself worthy of his stool.—Editor.

More people are taking Foley's Kidney Remedy every year. It is considered to be the most effective remedy for kidney and bladder trouble that medical science can devise. Foley's Kidney Remedy corrects irregularities, builds up worn out tissues and restores lost vitality. It will make you feel and look well. W. E. Bowdoin, Bethel.

A Mistake Somewhere.
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RUMFORD.

Watch for "Tag Day" in Rumford.

Miss Abbie Perry spent Thursday in Lewiston.

Miss Grace Park spent Friday in Lewiston.

H. L. Elliott returned Saturday from a business trip to South Paris.

Mrs. Fred H. Farmer is spending Xmas week with her mother at Plymouth, N. H.

Miss Marie Javal spent Sunday with her sister, Miss Emma Javal in Lewiston.

A daughter was born to the wife of Matthew McCarthy, Friday, December 18th.

Sheriff Hiram Hubbard of Paris Hill was in town on business for a couple of days recently.

Arthur Gauthier has been spending a few days recently at his lumber camp at Canaan, N. H.

The Majestic club met on Monday evening with Miss Louise Bidder at the home of E. W. Howe.

The "Mass Tennis" club was entertained at the home of Miss Jennie LaBrec on Friday evening.

Miss Elizabeth Pettengill has returned from a two weeks' visit with Mrs. Ralph Planted in Bangor.

W. W. Small has returned from a visit of several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Small of Kingsfield.

The Rumford school closed Friday for the Xmas vacation. The teachers have nearly all gone to their homes for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Giddard of Auburn are spending the holidays with Mrs. Giddard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Atwood.

Pascal Edmunds of Hale was in town Saturday. Mr. Edmunds although eighty years of age still makes trips to town occasionally.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the military ball which will be given in Howard's Hall, Biddeford on New Year's eve.

Miss Taylor, one of the local school teachers was called to her home on Kennelcunk on Thursday by the serious illness of her sister.

Rev. Harold Hanson, Rev. and Mrs. M. H. Howe and L. H. McCallister attended the Baptist convention at Frye Pond last Thursday.

The special clerks at McKenzies for Xmas are Norma Bates, Margaret McQuinn, Annie Merhan, Miss Steinfeld, Eva Coffey and Hand Danton.

Students strike breakers who came here a few weeks ago to work in the mill of the Oxford Paper Co. left Thursday morning for Woodbury, N. Y.

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L. H. Bonds is spending a few days with his parents in Kennebunkport.

Miss Agnes Cleveland will spend Christmas at her home in Portland.

Mr. Ralph Parker has been in Bangor on business for a few days this week.

Miss Mary Hagarly will be the guest of her parents in Winthrop for Christmas.

Rev. E. W. Webber of Livermore Falls was in town Monday calling on friends.

W. H. Hurt came out from Ogunquit last week bringing with him two nice deer.

Nellie Burgess is spending a few days this week with friends and relatives in Lewiston.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. D. LeBel are spending a few days with relatives in Lewiston.

The Oxford County Medical Association will be held at Mechanic Falls, Monday, Dec. 28.

Miss Grace Sullivan has finished work for H. L. Steinfeld and gone to her home in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Marshall of Waterville are the guests of their son, Geo. Marshall for Christmas.

Mrs. Herbert Boyd of Bangor, who has been the guest of Mrs. B. W. Trask, left Friday for her home.

The Universalist Sunday school will have its annual tree and entertainments on New Year's eve.

Albert Beaudin received word this week that his little son was quite ill of scarlet fever at Woodland, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. D. Biale are the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Everett H. Josselyn until after Christmas.

Mrs. Oliver Pettengill will close her millinery parlors on Dec. 31st and will reopen them for the spring season.

Robert Perry, who was recently returned from the Central Maine General Hospital in Lewiston, is able to ride out.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Britton and Mr. H. H. Steinfeld will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. How at Livermore over Christmas.

Mrs. H. Gould McIntire of St. Simons Island, Ga. left Friday for Denver, Col., where Mr. McIntire is located for a few months.

Fred Farnum was down from Ellis river one day recently and while here said that he intended to move to Lewiston, if he can find a farm that suits him.

Mr. G. Raymond Lewis who has been employed at E. W. Howe's for the past few months, will finish work this week and leave for his home in Auburn.

Will Holt of Bangor was in town this week. Mr. Holt has left his camp at Howard Pond for the winter and is living in Hattie Virginia's home in Bangor village.


Mr. and Mrs. John Brown and Mrs. E. J. Barker, Miss Maggie Martin and Mr. John Barker will spend Christmas with relatives in Bangor.

Mr. Charles Kirkpatrick, who has been employed by the Oxford Paper Co. for the past year has resigned his position and left Thursday for his home in Jermolung, N. J.

Spaulding Baber, Douglas Hall and Miss Louise are at home from the New Academy for the Xmas recess. Miss Hall Louise has been spending the past week with school friends in Lawrence, Mass.

Mr. F. P. Garrison, who for the past six years has been employed in the ship department of the Continental Paper Bag Co. has resigned his position and left Thursday in company with Mrs. Garrison for Newburyport, Mass. where he has accepted another position.

At the Methodist church last Sunday the choir was assisted by Mrs. E. J. Barker, Miss Margaret McKenney, Messrs. Frank Pratt, James Irish and Harry Taylor. The service was very enjoyable and Mr. Pratt was at the organ. Mr. Douglass gave a most interesting talk on a subject appropriate to the season.



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A little instance that goes to prove that Rumford is a great shopping center is that Charles Isachsen sold two men's skin coats to parties living in Lewiston during the past week, the parties saying that they could not find coats like them in their city.

The music at the Baptist church last Sunday which was appropriate for Christmas was rendered by a double quartette consisting of soprano, Mrs. Lester Cowan, Miss Annie Virginia; alto, Mrs. John Longley, Miss Edith Flagg; tenor, Messrs. Burditt and Manville; basses, Messrs. Waterhouse and Gilchrist. Rev. Harold Hanson preached an excellent sermon having taken for his theme "Mary The Mother of Jesus." This Thursday evening there will be a Christmas tree and supper for the children of the Sunday School at the church vestry.

At the home of Miss Mildred Brown in Virginia a party was given on Saturday evening in honor of Miss Jennie Barrows of Canton who is soon to leave for Waterville, Me., to take a hospital training course. While the guests were arriving a guessing game furnished amusement and the rest of the evening was devoted to whist playing. Refreshments of sandwiches, cake and coffee were served. The guests included Miss Jennie Barrows, Mrs. Jeff Thomas, Misses Ethel Merrill, Bernice Stubbins, Josie Tribon, Bernice Tribon, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Blanchard, Messrs. Harold Poor, Arthur Cashman, Dick Melcher, Dana Burditt, William Carroll, Alfred Sparks and Floyd Steinfeld.

The sales of the Red Cross Christmas stamps are increasing every day all over the State and there is every indication that a great many more than 200,000 will be disposed of. Other States of the union have sold much greater quantities of the stamps, but Maine is well ahead of the average when the difference in population is considered. Since the beginning of the project of selling a Christmas stamp for the benefit of the consumptive poor and to prevent the spread of the disease, the highest officials of the State and most of the cities have endorsed it and express themselves as being desirous of doing all they can for it and hopeful that it may be a great success. It has been proven that the people of Maine are interested in the cause and are doing their best to stamp out the disease in their State. The stamps are on sale at the Red Cross Pharmacy.

COURT ST. JEAN BAPTISTE, C. O. F. ELEOTIS OFFICERS.

At a meeting of St. Jean Baptiste Court No. 1017, C. O. F. held on Sunday, December 13th, the following officers were chosen for the coming year: President, E. W. Howe; Secretary, E. W. Howe; Treasurer, E. W. Howe.

RUMFORD POINT.

Mrs. Mark Elliott, who has been on the staff for some time, is going away.

Mr. Moore and Fred James have gone away with a party to take advantage of the last few days of deer hunting.

The schools close Friday, Dec. 19th for a vacation of one week. The same teachers are looked for to finish the year.

Two Laplows are working in the woods for James Ferris.

CHRISTMAS WITH OUR RUMFORD ADVERTISERS

Stores in Holiday Attire.

Attractive Show Windows.

The business section of Rumford is now in gala attire for the holidays. The stores are very attractively decorated in shades of red and green the colors usually predominating at Christmas time. There are some of the prettiest show windows ever seen in town which goes to show that the Christmas spirit has gotten control of the merchants.

One of the prettiest windows is at the store of Chas. Isachsen and was designed by Geo. Paquin. The store is as usual offering fine things in wearable presents for the men. Gonya Bros. are as usual showing a fine line of gents' wear which includes bath robes, pajamas, mufflers, gloves, etc., which are suitable for Xmas gifts. Another good place for the holiday shopper is at the New York Store, where the proprietor, Harry Marx can suit you as to quality and price in the men's furnishing line. The Little Yellow Store has a hearty greeting for you at this time, the showing of moosehairs, leggings, caps and women goods cannot be beat.

The store of E. K. Day and Company is one of the business places in town. The store is handsomely decorated and the shelves are piled with articles suggestive to the Xmas purchasers. H. L. Steinfeld as usual has a splendid showing of Christmas novelties such as toilet sets, fancy boxes, deskware, gloves and in fact everything found in an up-to-date dry goods store. Miss C. J. Hall has a large assortment of gift books, china and water color paintings besides her usual assortment of fancy embroideries, etc.

The local pharmacies are very prettily decorated and are filled with most attractive novelties. The den at the Red Cross Pharmacy in which is sold all kinds of Denison paper novelties is an attractive place. At McDonald's one finds a large assortment of fancy articles and novelties for all ages. The Cote Pharmacy has made great preparation for the holidays and has one of the finest lines in town. At the jewelry stores of P. E. Rendall, Joseph Jacques, P. F. Barlett and J. L. Stevens are found many beautiful things in the line of jewelry, cut glass and silver, etc., which always make acceptable gifts. Stanley Bidlee has a large assortment of carving sets and a full line of cutlery. McMenamin's 5 and 10 cent store is well supplied with Xmas goods including toys, games, wood novelties for burning and many other things too numerous to mention. Just call and see for yourself.

The Rumford Fruit Company and Winslow are both supplied with the usual amount of sweets, including candies, fruits etc. The boxes of Xmas candies made by Winslow are selling like hot cakes.

For graphophone records for the home amusement at Christmas time, go to Relfe and Hanson's and hear some of the latest.

PERU.

A. E. Conant and wife have returned from Waterville, where they went to attend State Grange.

H. E. Holman has returned from his trip to Portland and Augusta.

Mrs. Maria Whitman goes to Bangor this week to visit her daughter, Clarence Robinson and Miss Griffin visited friends in Bangor the first of the week.

Saturday, Jan. 2nd, Rockemeh Grange will install its officers.

On Christmas Day a nice Christmas party will be given at the Grange Hall to all members and their families and some invited guests.

Mrs. Eva Walker was in Lewiston doing Christmas shopping last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dyer are visiting at H. H. Robinson's.

Miss Florence Griffin visited school at West Peru, Saturday.

Farmers are busy harvesting their corn in this vicinity. Ice in the pond is about 14 inches thick.

Mr. and Mrs. Dana Howland have moved to East Bangor.

Mr. and Mrs. Standish have moved from the P. B. Walker place to West Peru.

LOOK HERE FOR A MOMENT.

The Opportunity Of A Lifetime.

to secure a Christmas or New Year's Gift.

Owing to business conditions we find ourselves largely overstocked and will sell our

\$10,000.00 Stock
OF UP-TO-DATE JEWELRY, WATCHES, CUT GLASS, SILVER, Etc., Etc.
AT COST.

See a few of our prices.

	Regular Price.	Special Price.
Carmen Bracelets	\$5.00	\$3.50
Diamond Rings,	\$15.00 to \$150.00	\$10.00 to \$100.00
Other Rings,	2.00 to 25.00	1.00 to 15.00
Simmons Chains,	5.00 to 10.00	3.00 to 6.00
Roger's Knives and Forks,	4.50 dozen.	3.85 dozen

All other goods at the same great reduction in prices.

These goods are all fresh from our OWN STOCK, and warranted in every particular. NO OLD GOODS OR GOODS BORROWED FROM ANY TRAVELING MEN just for this occasion.

Don't fail to improve this chance for Christmas and New Year.

Come in and see for yourselves before you buy elsewhere.

Rendall, The Jeweler,
RUMFORD.

A Suggestion.

Put the finishing touch to your holiday presents by using Dennison's gummed ribbon, seals, labels and tags.

Empty Boxes of various Sizes.

Standard Diaries for 1909.

RED CROSS PHARMACY, BOWERS & VALLEE CO.
MAIL ORDERS PROMPTLY FILLED.

We Wish you all
A Merry Christmas.

The Strathglass
Oxford
And "All Smooth" Cigars
Manufactured By
C. J. LEARY, The "All Smooth" Man,
223 Waldo St.

RUMFORD HIGH SCHOOL.

Perfect Attendance List.

The following students of the Rumford High School were neither absent nor tardy at any session during the fall term Sept. 7th to Dec. 18, 1908—

Students.	Totals.	Per cent.
Seniors.	1	33.33
Junior.		
Norman Gates.		
Vivian Brown.		
Edna Carrier.		
Julius Hanley.		
Willie Hanley.		
Frank Lowe.		
Julia Reed.		
Ralphmore.		
Rand Dunham.		
Maudie Kelley.		
Martha McVillie.		
Willie McVillie.		
Hazel McVillie.		
Allen Mixer.		
Vernett Page.		
Wyatt Hanlett.		
Proctor.		
Allen Chase.		
Robert Clunie.		

Total number of pupils Sept. 7th, 1908—61.

Total number of pupils Dec. 18, 1908—57.

Total number not absent or tardy—29.

Total number tardy marks—33.

Total number tardy marks—26.

Per cent perfect attendance—47.5.

Everybody Knows.

"Why do you call your cat Doomer nag?" inquired the caller.

Many Useful Things at Our Store for Christmas.

GONYA BROS. CO. 95 Congress Street, RUMFORD, MAINE.

Commission Merchants.

The advertisements below represent some of the leading houses of New England. Our readers will doubtless find this column valuable.

APPLES WANTED

We are netting \$2.50 a barrel for NUMBER ONE, BALDWIN and GREENINGS and SPIES. Prospects good.

PROVIDENCE BROKERAGE CO.

Providence, R. I. 9-17-08.

HALL & COLE

Fruit and Produce Commission Merchants, Apples and Cranberries our Specialties. 100-102 FANEUIL HALL MARKET, 9-17 3 m. BOSTON.

HOLDEN BROS.

Established 1864. 35 Market St., Boston, Mass. PREMIUM PRICES Paid for Fancy Store and Henery Eggs, Fine Creamery and Dairy Butter. We also have a steady demand for Fine Poultry, Fancy Apples, etc. Give us your consignments. 9-17 3 m.

SHIP YOUR

APPLES, POTATOES, EGGS, POULTRY, GAME, BERRIES, Etc., to Chapin Bros., Boston, 9-17 3 m.

LIVE POULTRY WANTED.

Standard Poultry Coops. Prompt Returns at Topmarket prices. Strictly Commission. BOSTON LIVE POULTRY CO. Ref. 4th Nat'l Bank. 77-79 Fulton St., Boston. 9-17 3 m.

POULTRY WANTED.

HYDE, WHEELER CO, (Established 1864.) 41 North Market St., Boston, Mass. Can get top market prices and will make prompt returns for VEAL - LAMB - POULTRY - EGGS

Butter and Farm Produce.

Market reports, tags, shipping certificates, etc., furnished free. STRICTLY COMMISSION. 9-17 3 m.

APPLES WANTED.

Premium paid for strictly fancy APPLES. Also receives Poultry, Eggs and all Farm Products. Prompt Returns. BOURNE & CO., INC. 9-24 10 t. Boston, Mass.

VEAL AND POULTRY WANTED.

PROMPT RETURNS. F. I. WESTON CO, New Faneuil Hall Market, Boston. Shipping tags furnished on application.

TRY US On Your Shipments of Apples, Potatoes, Live Poultry, etc. IMMEDIATE RETURNS. W. W. BENJAMIN, Boston, Mass. 9-17 3 m.

WANTED FRESH EGGS.

Premium paid for henery eggs. Best Prices, give us a trial. Prompt Returns. F. M. BILL CO, Boston, Mass. Importers, Wholesale Grocers and Commission Merchants. 9-22 10 t.

POULTRY WANTED.

James Bryden Co., Inc. The Corner Commission House Established 1836, 41 North Market St., Boston, Mass. can get top market prices for Veal, Lamb, Live and Dressed Poultry, Butter, Eggs and Farm Products. We supply you with market reports, shipping tags, etc., and return your empires free. Prompt and honest returns guaranteed. 10-22 10 t.

LIVE POULTRY WANTED.

We are paying 12 cents to 15 cents per lb. for pullets, 10 cents to 12 cents for hens, 12 cents to 15 cents for chickens. Immediate returns. Eggs wanted. No Commission. The Park & Pollard Co., 29 Canal St., Boston, Mass. 10-22 10 t.

APPLES.

If you can do a Nice Clean Job Packing Apples, we can do just as clean a job selling them. Let's get together. What's your name? G. M. Houghton & Co., 25 Clinton St., Boston. 10-29 3 m.

MEXICO AND RIDLONVILLE.

The Week's News as Gathered by our Special Correspondent

Mr. A. W. Wakefield was in town a few days last week on business and stopped at the home of Mr. E. L. Smart. Mr. Wakefield has been in Enfield for the last few weeks, called there by the illness and death of a brother. He returns to Bath to spend the Christmas holidays with his son and his family.

Claude Brown, wife and son, left Tuesday morning for their home in Balston Spa, N. Y., to spend the Christmas and New Years holidays with their parents.

The schools have closed for a two weeks' recess, and the teachers have gone to their homes for a much needed rest.

Miss Addie Whitman was confined at home last week by illness.

Mrs. Arthur Tucker is working in G. A. Peabody's store, during the Xmas holidays.

S. G. Dorr has been ill for the past two weeks of a bad attack of the grip.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hall drove to South Paris last week on a business and pleasure trip, returning Sunday night.

Mrs. Wm. Childs and Mrs. Carson Beedy spent Sunday with relatives at Smith's Crossing.

Mrs. Guy Caldwell spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. E. A. Beedy.

Arthur Richards and family left the last of the week for Strong, Me., where they intend to spend the winter. Mr. Richards will engage in lumbering operations.

Fred Holt has sold the place he recently purchased of Edward Holland, to Lyman L. Holmes and Mr. Holmes will take possession January 1st. Mr. Holt has engaged the upper part in Mr. Leon Holmes' house on the Harlow Hill road.

Alphens Packard and wife of Canton are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Archie Gleason.

It has been reported that Mr. and Mrs. Chester Knox and Mrs. Wm. Childs were going to Malden, where Mr. Childs has a position, but plans have been changed and they do not expect to go this winter.

Frank Chabot, who is occupying the Wakefield house on Kimball Ave., is breaking up housekeeping on account of the ill health of his wife and they are going to her home in Fall River.

Henry Holt is ill of diphtheria at his home on the Hill. Two of the brothers have now had this disease within a few weeks of each other.

Christmas Sunday was appropriately observed at the Baptist church by a Christmas sermon by the pastor and special Christmas music.

The pupils of the third, fourth and fifth grades of the Kimball School, under the direction of Miss Deal and Miss Clark, gave a very interesting entertainment with a prettily decorated tree in Miss Deal's room on Friday last. There were organ, mandolin and violin selections, vocal solos, duets and recitations by the pupils, which were rendered nicely and the parents and guests all united in voting it one of the best given. After the entertainment, the presents on the tree, mostly made by the children, were distributed.

All the young people who are away at college and normal school are coming home this week for the Christmas holidays. Most of them having a few days vacation. Mabel Brooks from the Lawrence High School, Edna Reynolds and Anna Bean from Central Normal, and Mary Westcott from Worcester, Wallace Gleason from U. of M., Edgar L. Clark, Brandon, Darnold Richards from Harlow, and will be glad to welcome their friends.

Mr. J. J. Deane went to Livermore Monday to spend one of the days with his father.

The Christmas tree and carol of the congregation church will be left in the church on Sunday morning and during the Christmas carols, entitled "Blessings and King, by Carrie Adams, will be given, which promises a very fine service. Welcome to all.

Mrs. Fred Parsons is confined to the house this week with a very severe cold.

On account of the great meeting of the New England Baptists in Boston, Dec. 10th and 11th, the Quarterly Meeting of the Oxford Baptist Association, and the Ordaining Council for the examination and installation of Rev. Mr. McKenzie at Bryant's Pond was postponed until Dec. 16th and 17th. Fine and interesting talks and sermons were given by such well known ministers as Rev. A. T. Bailey, H. S. Hanson, M. S. Howes, A. R. Crane, D. D. J. W. Chesbro and D. W. Kimball.

Ralph Penley, a brother of Thomas Penley, was the victim of quite an accident the latter part of last week. While driving his horse ran away with him, throwing him out against the walling trough on Congress St., and breaking his limb in several places. He was taken to the home of H. O. Gleason on

Roxbury Ave., and medical attendance was summoned.

Wallace Gleason of U. of M., came home Saturday for the Christmas vacation.

Mrs. Eliza Richards returned Saturday to South Paris, to open the winter term of school.

Annie McLaughlin is working at the Red Cross Pharmacy during the holidays.

The hose tower and hose houses being built by Cyrus L. Howard are completed, one on Granite St., and one on Whitman St.

Mrs. W. W. Goodwin has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Butterfield of Canton for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Stevens will entertain their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Stevens at Christmas dinner and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson at ten.

Next Saturday evening will be the regular meeting of the Swift River Grange with the annual election of officers.

Program of the Christmas Concert and Entertainment to be rendered by the Mexico Baptist Sunday School and choir in connection with the Christmas tree and appearance of Santa Claus at the Baptist church on Thursday evening, Christmas eve, Dec. 24th at 7:30 p. m.

Anthem, Hark The Herald Angels Sing—Hazel Furbush. A Christmas Wish—Hazel Mason. Father Time—Shirley Brown. A Song of Christmas—Mildred Hill. Music, Merry Christmas to All—Choir. A Strange Old Man—Harold Howard. A Christmas Fairy—Fannie Furbush. Christmas Joy—Clarence Furbush. The Christmas Story—Inez Vaughn. Duet, Ring Ye The Bells—Retha Perkins and Lottie Kinnear. Just Before Christmas—Iva Pratt. Too Tight—Tammie Howard. A Problem—Muriel Babb. A Christmas Ball—Clara Kempton. Song, Lonely Stockings—Raymond Richards. One Starry Night—Clifford Henry. Little Bob and Santa Claus—Eather Pratt. What Grandpa Said—Mona Thompson. If Santa Was My Pa—Kenneth Brown. Song—Hazel Dowling. When Santa Claus Comes—Florence Kinnear. The New Diary—Raymond Henry. Mary's Little Lamb—Marion Thompson. Our Golden—Vivian Copp. Music, When Jesus Was Born—Choir. A Wee Little Girl—Florence Esther Etheridge. Her Father and Her Mother Knew—Beatrice Childs. A New Stamp—Harry Fisher. Santa Claus Land—Oliver Furbush. Duet, Billows of Joy—Linwood Kelley, Howard Vaughn. Recitation—Long Ben I Knew Who Santa Claus Was—Helen Henry. Christmas Eve—Fannie Fisher. What Father Me—Helen Kinnear. The Reverend Child Clifford Pearson. Music, Duet, Hells of Christmas—Mrs. Florence Palmer, Mrs. E. A. Perkins. A Christmas Gift—Fannie Fisher. Santa Claus of a Christmas Gift—Gladys Pratt. Music, The Song of the Wise Men—Choir.

WEST SUMNER. They 12 North spent Friday night with their parents.

There was a small dance at the Y. M. C. A. on Friday night.

Mr. Harry Furbush from Dixfield, visited the mother, last week.

There were two new members who joined the W. R. C. on Saturday of last week.

T. East and family visited at H. T. Heath's Sunday.

There will be a dance at the Vestry on Christmas night.

Herbert Heath is hauling pulp to Rockford for Mr. Foster.

RUMFORD POINT. Preparations are being made for a Christmas tree at the schoolhouse on Friday night. It is hoped all who can will help to make it a good time for old and young.

Chas. Barker has returned from Canton, where he went to work in the woods.

Mrs. Black of Eastport has been staying with Wm. Reed's family for a time.

CANTORIA. The Red Cross Society of Rockford is holding a Christmas dinner at their hall and have a tree and entertainment in the afternoon, for the children.

One case of chicken pox reported in this place.

As John Russell was coming from Black Mountain with a load of logs

CANTON HAPPENINGS.

As Observed and Told by the Citizen Reporter.

Lila Gilbert has been the guest of her brother, R. N. Gilbert of Ridlonsville for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Coolidge of Lebanon Falls visited at Dr. C. A. Coolidge's and D. B. Dearborn's this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. York have been visiting relatives at Livermore Falls.

Mrs. Franklin Smith and daughter, Hazel, have returned to their home in Oxford.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Waite were at Waterville last week.

Frank L. Whittier of Gorham is visiting Mrs. Lily A. Davis.

Mrs. E. W. Howe of Rumford was in town Thursday.

Roscoe Lowell and family have moved to Gilbertville.

Honore Newman has returned from Auburn.

Mrs. Anna Berry and son of North Leeds was a recent guest of Mrs. Sarah Coburn and daughter.

B. W. Jackson is at work for Fred Johnson in his barber shop.

Mrs. L. B. Smith went to Lewiston last week and entered the C. M. G. Hospital, where she submitted to a surgical operation, having one of her eyes removed. Last report of her condition is that she is getting along as well as can be expected.

Miss Ethel Stetson passed away at her home in Hartford Wednesday morning at 3:30 o'clock after a long illness of typhoid fever followed by a relapse. She was twenty years of age and was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis C. Stetson, who with three brothers, Elsie L., Floyd and Ralph survive her. The funeral services were held Friday at 12:30 o'clock. The death of Miss Stetson is a sad blow to her family who have the heartfelt sympathy of all in their hour of bereavement.

J. Alton Reynolds returned home from Boston Friday to spend the holidays.

G. F. Towle is able to be out.

Mabel Goding returned home from Sanford, Saturday for a two weeks' vacation.

C. C. Dunn and family have moved to Hartford.

Mrs. N. P. Records has been visiting at North Turner.

Leslie Strait is at work for Dr. P. W. Morse.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Richardson visited at Livermore Falls, Monday.

Mrs. G. L. Wadlin visited at Rumford Thursday.

The Lucky Friday Club met with Mrs. Geo. Strait, Friday evening.

Mildred Smith has gone to Rumford to work.

Il. Frank Richardson has been visiting relatives in Livermore Falls for several days.

And Now What Is Time to a Hog FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

40 dozen Men's Heavy Homespun, Home Knit Stocking in black at 65 cents per pair. For Christmas, Men's above the knee Homespun All Wool Leggings, black, \$1.25, gray, \$1.50. Moccasins, Rubbers, Felts, and other Hot Stuff for cold feet and hands such as Gloves and Mittens.

The Little Yellow Store, Rumford

I. W. ALLEN.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Should be Useful.

Buy one of us. We have the largest and best lot of

Carving Sets, Pocket Knives

Scissors, Snow Shoes.

Skates Etc. in Town.

Stanley Bisbee.

Rumford.

I am now located in the shop formerly owned and occupied by the W. I. White Building Co. where I shall continue my business and sell out the stock of Doors, Sashes Etc. that were in Mr. White's stock. These goods will be sold at very low prices.

Remember this is now the place to get RUBBEROID ROOFING.

the best on the market.

V. A. Linnell, Rumford Falls

SEND TO Alton L. Grant FOR Confectionery Fruit and Ice Cream

Special Attention given to Mail Orders.

Ice Cream for Parties, Balls and Receptions furnished at short notice.

CATERING OF ALL KINDS A SPECIALTY.

Alton L. Grant CONFECTIONER and CATERER

116 Lisbon St., Lewiston, Me.

TELEPHONE CONNECTION.

Year's Egg-Laying Contest. The success for 12 months of the 12 months' egg-laying contest of the poultry raising club are published. The competing pens, each containing six pullets of a pure breed, were housed separately with double grass runs. The following are the total number of eggs laid by each pen:

First pen, white Wyandottes, 947; second ditto, 900; third ditto, 854; fourth ditto, 874; fifth, buff Plymouth Rocks, 822; sixth, white Wyandottes, 820; seventh, black Wyandottes, 825; eighth, buff Plymouth Rocks, 822; ninth, white Leghorns, 786; tenth, white Wyandottes, 723; eleventh, barred Plymouth Rocks, 725; twelfth, white Wyandottes, 745; thirteenth, white La Bresse, 767; fourteenth, Hon. dars, 687; fifteenth, white Leghorns, 671; sixteenth, white Leghorns, 646; seventeenth, white Leghorns, 628; eighteenth, white Wyandottes, 620; nineteenth, buff Plymouth Rocks, 619; twentieth, Partridge Wyandottes, 623.

The highest number of eggs laid during the month of September was by a pullet in the first Plymouth Rock pen—viz., 22. In five months this bird has laid 136 eggs.—London Mail.

To Keep from Growing Old. Many women become middle aged from the simple reason that they allow middle-aged habits to steal upon them and relax into a state of physical indolence just at a time when they should fight against this tendency. It gives an appearance of age.

The best preventative against growing old, says a charming woman of whose unwrinkled face and slim figure give her the appearance of being at least 15 years younger than her age, "are cheerfulness, a strict termination not to worry over trifles and a sense of humor that saves from depression. A cold bath every day, a walk every day in rain or shine, face massage with cream at night, ten minutes' physical exercise immediately on rising, then of the hair to stimulate growth, will keep any woman from wrinkles and will preserve the beauty of her figure."



43 years' milling experience have taught us how to make this perfect flour.

Finest Ohio Wheat, six times secured, specially milled, latest improved machinery, half-hour tests. Your bread will prove it.

William Tell Flour

MADE AT THE WILLIAM TELL FLOUR CO., NEW YORK.

For Sale at Your Grocer's or at G. JORDAN, BETHEL, ME.

DR. AUSTIN TENNEY

OCULIST

Will be at HOTEL RUMFORD, FRIDAY, DEC. 11, 1 P. M. to 9 P. M.

Have examined free and all classes of eyes. Satisfactory.

At Home Office, 31 Lisbon St., Lewistown, every day except Fridays.

At Norway office, Friday, Dec. 12.

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JUST WHAT HUNTINGTON SAID.
Clever Salesman "Got" Railroad King in Book Purchase.

The late Henry Miller, who was guide, philosopher and friend to many booklovers within a thousand miles of New York, was a most successful salesman. One day he called on Col. R. Huntington and showed him a rare copy of—

"There are two volumes of this," said Mr. Miller. The value of the book is perfect order, as you see this one is. You cannot possibly let them escape you, for you know you have nothing like this in your library."

"What is the price?" asked the railroad king.

"Seven hundred dollars," said the bookman.

"Those are too valuable volumes for my library," Mr. Huntington exclaimed.

Mr. Miller went back to his place, and sent the books to Mr. Huntington's house with a bill for \$700. Next day the railroad king sent for him.

"Why did you send me those books?" he demanded, sharply.

"Because you bought them," was the calm reply.

"I certainly did not!" cried the millionaire.

"Oh, yes, you did," answered Mr. Miller. "You'll remember perfectly well when I tell you what you said. You told me distinctly: 'Those are two valuable volumes for my library.'"

—Harper's Weekly.

VICTORY THAT WAS DESERVED.

The Struggle of One Scottish Youth for an Education.

Many hardships endured by students attending university or college in Scotland have been brought to light from time to time. A student of Anderson's Medical college some years ago fulfilled the duties of lamp lighter during his spare hours in a neighboring burg. He had no other income than the few shillings he received weekly for lighting, extinguishing and cleaning the burg lamps, and from this he paid his college fees and kept himself fairly respectable. On one occasion he applied for an increase of wages and was called before the committee. One of the bachelors remarked that an able-bodied, healthy-looking young man like the applicant ought not to be earning his money in that way. The application for an increase was refused. One may conceive the student's surprise at a subsequent meeting when the town clerk read a letter from the lamp lighter tendering his resignation, as he had passed his final examination as a fully-qualified doctor.

—The Glasgow Herald.

Man's Inhumanity to Woman.

In all the civilized cities of the world women are encouraged to do moralize herself and hold herself cheap in music hall, theater and even in opera houses, for what man of property instincts would like to see his daughter or sister in the attitude and in the drapery so popular at such places? It all comes from denying to woman a responsible voice in the highest affairs and placing her on a lower plane. It is proposed to legally forbid her to serve in a public house, because of the bad moral atmosphere, which men alone have given it, while public opinion allows her to make reckless displays on the stage of the theater and music hall. —Westminster Review.

Shifting the Guilt.

"Never get out of trouble by bringing it on some one else," remarked a man on the train the other day. "I remember," he continued, "when I was a small boy, I was one day going along the road when I came upon a man holding a ram by the horns. As I came up he said: 'Here, sonny, hold this ram till I climb over the fence and unlock the gate.'"

"I took hold of the ram, and he went over the fence. When safely over he said: 'I've been holding him for an hour. I hope you got rid of him as easily as I did.' —Lippincott's.

Sounds Which Carry at Sea.

Examinations by naval experts in wireless telephony as to the sound which will carry the greatest distance at sea developed that a siren under 72 pounds of steam pressure will emit a blast which may be heard 48 miles. Next comes the steam whistle, the sound of which is carried 36 miles. Among the softest sounds which carry a considerable distance is the whistling hose installed by the light-house board, which has frequently been heard a distance of 18 miles.

Oak Hires.

The price that one pays for a taxi to-day is just a little different from what was paid for, say, the hire of a sedan chair in days of old. In the domestic accounts of "Mistress Nell Gwyn" we read: "For chairing you to Mrs. Churchill's and to Mrs. Caswell's and to Mrs. Churchill's and to Mrs. Caswell's, to be chairing you yesterday and waiting 11 hours, 11s. 6d." Paid thirteenpence October, 1672. —London Chronicle.

Truth Will Not Be Compelled.

Truth is such a funny, such a stubborn, so untransportable and unobtainable commodity, that it is so hard to catch as light that the shrewdest never so quick, to keep all the light in, it is all in vain to be gone before you can get it. And so it happens with perfect truth. Translated from the French of M. de La Fontaine.

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ONE THING LACKING

WHAT SPOILED THE PLEASURE OF THE CLAMBAKE.

Denatured Function at the Peters Mansion Saddened Those Unfortunate Enough to Be "Among Those Present."

William Harris, Andrew Mack, Frank Daniels, Drury Underwood and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hagood Burdall went down to Douglas Manor, L. I. Sunday to a clambake tendered them by Mr. and Mrs. Mason Peters and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams.

It was a real old-fashioned Long Island bake. Not one of your gas range bakes, but a genuine one, with spring chicken and green corn and sweet potatoes and seaweed and hot stones and tarpanin cover and all that. O, this clambake was right or it wasn't any.

"Now, don't eat anything until you get to the clams," said Mr. and Mrs. Peters.

"Yes, save a little cozy corner for the clams," urged Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

So the guests obeyed orders. They arose early in the morning and toyed with rowing machines and health lifts and other such laborious inventions to get up an appetite, and then abstained from food to be sure that hunger would be where they could lay their hands on it when the bell rang down at Douglas Manor.

"We've you ever at a clambake, Andrew?" asked Mr. Underwood.

"No, not a real one," said Andrew, as he held his head back and let his teeth water. "I want to a bluefish breakfast at Peters once. I didn't eat for 24 hours, to be sure I'd be in trim for it. Then Mason took me four miles out to sea at the gray early morning. I rowed the boat. We didn't get a bite. No, I've never been at a real clambake, but I was at that bluefish breakfast. I forgot to say that I rowed those four miles back on the deep blue sea, too."

Down at Douglas Manor everything had the bustle of preparation. The spring chickens had all been sprung, the green corn was on hand, the sweet potatoes and the seaweed and the tarpanin and the other things were there. It was time to get the clams.

Mr. and Mrs. Peters and Mr. and Mrs. Williams got in the auto and went down the beach to the mud flats. They were going to dig the clams themselves, so as to be sure they would be fresh.

They worked away in the mud for a couple of hours while the tide was out and gathered about a bushel or more. Then a big unburned native came up and wanted to know whose clams they were digging.

"Anybody's," said Mr. Peters.

"Not much; they're mine," said the native, and he produced a deed to show he owned the mud flat. He would not sell clams. He wanted his clams. He took his basket and scattered the bivalves far and wide. Then he ordered the trespassers off his ground.

By this time the tide was in again and there was no more clam digging for the day. There was no real Rhode Island clambake. There was an aching void in several empty stomachs. Andrew Mack went around behind the house and kicked himself.

"Sting again," he said. "Another bluefish breakfast."

It was a sad party which drifted back to little old New York that night.

"Were you ever at a clambake?" asked Mr. Underwood.

"Not yet," replied Mr. Mack. —New York Morning Telegraph.

Trouble-Making.

Trouble-making is an older industry than the manufacture of steel. Cain, the trouble maker, got into action before Tubal Cain, the iron worker; and Eve got Adam into hot water long before the boiler makers' union began business.

There are three brands of trouble, imaginary, borrowed and real. Imaginary trouble consists of railroad accidents, earthquakes, fires, suicides, diseases like the patent medicine man makes, the poorhouse, death and the grave, carefully mixed and taken after a late dinner, or a drop in the stock market.

Borrowed trouble is the kind we get from our relatives. Its principal ingredients are visits, borrowed money, birthday presents, advice and expectations. But the real article is produced as follows: Put the sandals of endurance on your feet, take your life in your hands and follow by turns the hawthorn-philosopher, the proscriber of physical culture, and the apostle of diet. —Pack.

Italian Villa Habit.

It is impossible for the Italians to get away from their villa habit. In Italy every little shanty you meet on the roadside is a villa something or other, the smaller the shanty the longer the name. Down in Grand street you come across the grandiose names of Villa Penna, Villa Cordis, Villa Macaroni above the remotest of small places, where they dish up spaghetti for the sum of ten cents with a small glass of wine for Ave.

Beroid.

"I am sure," said the sympathetic friend, "that posterity will attach great value to what you have written." "Yes," answered the disappointed author, "but posterity doesn't exist."

Medicine That Is Medicine.

"I have suffered a good deal with malaria and stomach complaints, but I have now found a remedy that keeps me well, and that remedy is Electric Bitters: a medicine that is medicine for stomach and liver troubles, and for run down conditions," says W. C. Kestler, of Halliday, Ark. Electric Bitters purify and enrich the blood, tone up the nerves and impart vigor and energy to the weak. Your money will be refunded if it fails to help you. 50c at Chase, Fernald's of Rumford, Nathan Reynolds of Canton, J. P. Johnston & Co. of Dixfield, H. J. Reynolds of Biddeford, W. E. Bosserman of Bethel.

The Limit.

Ranter Hamus—The craze for nationalism in make-up and properties will kill me.

WIT AND WISDOM.

Condiments.

"And the heathens 'booked the missionary.'"

"They did."

"They were hungry, I suppose, and couldn't take time to undress him."

"No, I expect it was for the seasoning. You see he had on a pepper-and-salt suit."

A Personal Appeal.

If we could talk to you personally about the great merit of Foley's Honey and Tar, for coughs, colds and lung trouble, you never could be induced to experiment with unknown preparations that may contain some harmful drugs. Foley's Honey and Tar costs you no more and has a record of forty years of cures. W. E. Bosserman, Bethel and Chase, E. Fernald, Rumford.

One Sign.

Said He—Young Smith and Miss Brown are evidently in love with each other.

Said She—Judging by the way they look at each other.

Said He—No; judging by the way they don't look at any body else.—Chicago Daily News.

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Ranter Hamus—The manager insists that in the Whitecapping scene I wear a real coat of tar and feather.—Cleveland Leader.

This Is Worth Reading.

Leo F. Zellner, of 65 Gibson street, Buffalo, N. Y., says: "I cured the most annoying cold sore I ever had, with Bucklen's Aches and Pains. I applied this salve once a day for two days, when every trace of the sore was gone. It heals all sores. Sold under guarantee by Chase, Fernald of Rumford, Nathan Reynolds of Canton, J. P. Johnston & Co. of Dixfield, H. J. Reynolds of Biddeford, W. E. Bosserman of Bethel.

The Cause of Vernal Verdancy.

The kindergarten teacher had been telling her pupils about the seasons and the colors that were characteristic of each.

"Now," said she, "if you were trying to represent spring, which of the colored chalks would you use?"

"Green," responded little Pat, promptly.

"Why?" he was asked.

"'Cause St. Patrick's day comes in spring."

A Dangerous Operation.

The removal of the appendix by a surgeon. No one who takes Dr. King's New Life Pills is ever subjected to this frightful ordeal. They work so quickly you don't feel them. They cure constipation, headache, biliousness and malaria. 25c at Chase, Fernald's of Rumford, Nathan Reynolds of Canton, J. P. Johnston & Co. of Dixfield, H. J. Reynolds of Biddeford, W. E. Bosserman of Bethel.

Learning the Points of the Game.

Girl in Grand Stand—Harry, who is that man everybody is cheering?

Her Mother—That's Grubbery, the right tackle.

Girl—I see—and the fellow he threw down and jumped on is the wrong tackle, is he?—Chicago Tribune.

Mrs. McKenney's Experience.

Mrs. M. McKenney, Prentiss, Miss., writes: "I was confined to my bed for three months with kidney and bladder trouble, and was treated by two physicians but failed to get relief. No human tongue can tell how I suffered, and I had given up all hope of ever getting well until I began taking Foley's Kidney Remedy. After taking two bottles I felt like a new person, and feel it my duty to tell suffering women what Foley's Kidney Remedy did for me." W. E. Bosserman, Bethel, Chase, E. Fernald, Rumford.

Appreciation.

"Isn't that a realistic picture Mr. Dobber has painted of 'Young Figs'?"

"Indeed it is. That man puts his self into his work." —Cleveland Leader.

Foley's Online Laxative cures chronic constipation and stimulates the liver. It is a natural and powerful laxative, and it is so gentle and so safe that it can be taken by the most delicate and the most robust.

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STATE OF MAINE.
COUNTY OF OXFORD, SS.

November 30, A. D. 1908.

Taken this thirtieth day of November, A. D. 1908, on execution dated the fourth day of November, A. D. 1908, issued on a judgment, rendered by the Supreme Judicial Court for the County of Penobscot, at the term thereof begun and held on the first Tuesday of October, A. D. 1908, to-wit, on the thirty-first day of October, A. D. 1908, in favor of James F. Gerrity of Bangor in the County of Penobscot, against George L. Stephens of Woodstock in our County of Oxford, for fifty-three dollars and forty-six cents, debt or damage, and nine dollars and seventy-seven cents costs of suit, and will be sold at public auction at the law office of Herrick and Park in Bethel in said County of Oxford, to the highest bidder, on the fourteenth day of January, A. D. 1909, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, the following described real estate and all the right, title and interest which the said George L. Stephens has and had in and to the same on the fifteenth day of July, A. D. 1908, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the time when the same was attached on the writ in the same suit, to-wit:—a certain piece or parcel of land situated in Greenwood in said County of Oxford, and lying westerly of Bryant's Pond, so-called, and bounded and described as follows: viz:—commencing on the road leading from Bryant's Pond village to the Bryant neighborhood, so-called, at a point where the Woodstock town line crosses said road; thence running west on said road to land formerly owned by E. Bryant, thence north on line of said Bryant land to land now formerly owned by E. L. Cole; thence east on line of said Cole land to the said Woodstock town line; thence south on said line to the first mentioned bound. Excepting so much of the parcel above bounded as lies westerly of a spotted line running from a large rock on the shore of said Pond near where the wister road leading from the said Bryant neighborhood to said Bryant's Pond village, strikes said Pond, said spotted line running in a northerly direction to land of said E. L. Cole.

Also the following described parcel of land or real estate situated in said Greenwood on the shore of said Pond, bounded and described as follows, viz:—commencing on the shore of said Pond at low water mark at a point where the above described parcel strikes said Pond; thence on the northerly line of said parcel westerly one hundred feet; thence northerly at a right angle to the Pond; thence southerly on the Pond to the place of beginning.

Also a certain lot or parcel of land situated in Woodstock in said County of Oxford and known as the Glen Mountain Hotel lot, bounded and described as follows, viz:—northerly by the Edwin Andrews acre lot, so-called; northerly by land of the heirs of Ezra Stephens; southerly by the Knights Common, so-called, and the road leading from said village to Rumford; southwesterly by the road leading from said village to Locke's Mills in the town of Greenwood.

Also a certain other lot or parcel of land situated in said Woodstock and bounded and described as follows, viz:—commencing at the southwest corner of land sold to Joel Perham, Jr. by Henry Howe; thence a westerly course forty-eight and three-fourths feet to a stake and stones to land bargained and sold to L. Crockett and Sons; thence north twenty-five degrees west on line of said Crockett land to land formerly owned by Chas. Rolfe to a stake and stones; thence easterly on said Rolfe line forty-eight and three-fourths feet to a stake and stones; thence south twenty-five degrees east to the first mentioned bound. Containing one-fourth of an acre be the same more or less.

Also the following described parcel of real estate situated in said Woodstock and bounded and described as follows, viz:—beginning at the southwest corner of a lot formerly owned by R. K. Dunham and Albert Bates on the north line of the road leading from Bryant's Pond to North Woodstock; thence north twenty-four degrees and forty-five minutes west along rods and fourteen links to a stake; thence south fifty-nine degrees and thirty minutes west two rods and twenty-four links; thence south twenty-four degrees and forty-five minutes east six rods and nine links to a stake; thence south sixty-four degrees west four rods to a stake; thence south twenty-six degrees east two rods and eleven links to the line of the road; thence by the line of the road six rods, twenty-one links to the flag bound, together with the buildings thereon.

FRED P. BEAN,

Deputy Sheriff.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Herbert W. Cummings late of Bethel in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

FRANK CUMMINGS.

November 17th, 1908.

DIXFIELD ITEMS.

The Happenings of the Week
as gathered by the Citizen
Reporter.

Miss Rachel Dolloff of Yarmouth came Tuesday of last week to work in the tooth pick mill. She boards with her cousin, Mrs. David Atkins.

Mrs. S. M. Kidder of Peru was in town Wednesday, calling on friends. George Stowell, who has been very ill of pneumonia the past week is slowly gaining.

The fifth annual concert and ball given by the Dixfield Band at Tuscan Hall Thursday evening, December 17th was a grand success. The village people should be justly proud of the musical talent found in the members of the band, and the many compliments extended them were well deserved. There was an appreciative audience present and a large party remained after the concert to take part in the dancing which soon followed. An excellent supper was furnished by the ladies of Welcome Rebekah Lodge. The soprano solos rendered by Mrs. Wynifred Smith during the concert were greatly enjoyed, as also the trio by G. Dana Holt, violin; Thomas P. Holt, cello; Henrietta Thompson piano. The Episode Military, "The Midnight Alarm" rendered by the Band was a concert of itself.

Prof. W. E. Sargent of Hebron was in town Saturday.

The theme of Rev. W. E. Gaskin's discourse Sunday a. m. was "A higher and more noble living." Text from St. Matthew 3:2.

A Christmas tree and exercise at the Universalist church this Thursday evening.

Exercises and a tree at the F. B. church Friday evening.

The pupils of the Primary school gave an entertainment Wednesday evening from which \$12.00 was realized, with which they will purchase a clock and other necessities for the school room. The pupils in this grade not absent one day, during the term of fourteen weeks, list as follows: Kenneth Hawks, Willie Paine, Mamie Ricker, Carlotta Small, Milla Sweet, Claude Newell, Zephiah Abbott, Edwin Childs, Ruth Gates, Wilfred Kidder, Ann Muncumb, Bertha Smith, Maynard Harlow.

Fred Gram of Livermore Falls, who has for some months past owned the lively stable connected with the Dixfield House, has sold out, and returned to Livermore.

The village schools closed Friday of last week for a two weeks' vacation. An entertainment given by the pupils of the Grammar grade was enjoyed by those present. Program as follows: Song, Welcome Beautiful Xmas. Recitation—Ethel Gierase and Lella Holman.

Play, Lost on Christmas Eve. Recitation—Edith Gierase and Wilfred Torrey.

Recitation—Marion Dabb, Bertha Willoughby, Esther Woodsum.

The pupils not absent one day during the term of fourteen weeks are as follows: Raymond Brown, Floyd P. Macomber, Cressey H. Macomber, Edith I. Moore, Mary I. Brown, Wilfred Torrey.

The funeral service of Mr. James Widbur, whose death occurred Wednesday of last week, was held at his home on the Weld road Friday at 2 o'clock a. m., Rev. G. B. Hannaford of Rumford officiating. Mr. Widbur's death was caused by pneumonia, being sick only a few days. He was a soldier, having served in the Civil War, was a prisoner both at Andersonville and Libby prisons. He was a kind hearted man, a good neighbor and a good citizen, doing many deeds of kindness that the world knows not of. He leaves a son, Mr. John Widbur of Hartford, who with his wife and child were present at the service, and helped care for his father during his last illness. His age was 72 years. The interment was at the cemetery on lower Main Street.

Dr. Hatchels of Rumford, Me., of Canton and White of Wilton were called Thursday in the case of Fred Casey who has been very ill of pneumonia. An amount of pus was taken from his lungs and a tube inserted for the discharge to pass out. He was decidedly better this Tuesday. He is attended by Dr. Sturtevant and a hospital nurse. His many friends hope for his speedy recovery.

Helene and Gertrude Berry of Carthage, were in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Towle went to Cambridge, Mass., this week Monday, to remain for a time with their daughter, Mrs. Nibel Robertson.

Hearse coughs and stuffy colds that may develop into pneumonia over night are quickly cured by Foley's Honey and Tar, as is another inflamed membrane, heals the lungs, and expels the cold from the system. W. E. Bennett, Bethel, Chas. F. Fernald, Rumford.

MAKE THIS UP
AT YOUR HOME.Mix it Yourself By Shaking
Ingredients in
Bottle.Hundreds of People in Vicinity
Here Will Welcome
This Advice.

What will appear very interesting to many people here is the article taken from a New York daily paper, giving a simple prescription, which is said to be a positive remedy for backache or kidney or bladder derangement, if taken before the stage of Bright's disease:

Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Kargon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces. Shake well in a bottle and take in teaspoonful doses after each meal and at bedtime.

A well-known druggist here at home, when asked regarding this prescription, stated that the ingredients are all harmless, and can be obtained at a small cost from any good prescription pharmacy, or the mixture would be put up if asked to do so. He further stated that while this prescription is often prescribed in rheumatic affections with splendid results, he could see no reason why it would not be a splendid remedy for kidney and urinary troubles and backache, as it has a peculiar action upon the kidney structure, cleansing these most important organs and helping them to sift and alter from the blood the foul acids and waste matter which cause sickness and suffering. Those of our readers who suffer can make no mistake in giving it a trial.

ANDOVER

The Happenings of the week
as Told by Our Correspondent

The whist club met Thursday Dec. 17th and spent a very pleasant evening; enough for six tables were present. C. T. Poor won 1st gentlemen's prize and Mrs. Girdler Sweet 1st ladies' prize. The members of this club are Mr. and Mrs. Y. A. Thurston, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rand, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Lovejoy, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Newhall, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Grover, Mr. and Mrs. Wirt Lovejoy, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Sweet, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Girdler Sweet, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dunning, Helen Kimball, May French, Bertha Poor, Walter Barnes, Fred Hatchels, C. T. Poor.

A whist club has been formed among the younger people and they held their first meeting last Tuesday, Dec. 15th in H. and L. Hall with about forty members.

The Kings Daughters Christmas sale Dec. 18th was very successful, there were many pretty articles and the doll table was most attractive.

Mr. Herrick and Y. A. Thurston went to Haverhill Saturday to attend a session of Oxford Bear K. of F.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Lovejoy went to Rumford Monday.

Mrs. Olive Dresser and family also her mother, Mrs. Frank Field, have gone to Boston for the winter.

Miss Jane Gregg, who has been ill for some weeks is much improved and able to be down stairs.

Edwin Talbot went Tuesday to Anson, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Ripley, who have been here making some improvements on their house, returned to Rumford last Wednesday.

On Saturday evening there was a lively game of basket ball between the two Andover teams in which the 1st team won. During intermission the K. O. K. played a game. A dance of a couple of hours finished the evening.

An Old Landmark Burned.

The house on the old Jones place, so-called, at the top of the long hill leading to Roxbury Pond was destroyed by fire last Saturday morning. There were two families in it who lost nearly all they had, only saving a small amount of clothing. Mr. and Mrs. Yankaw had only recently moved in, coming from Bethel to carry on lumbering operations near the Pond. Their loss is the greatest as he lost his entire logging supplies. They will return to Bethel, where they have a small house.

ANNUAL SALE OF
UNIVERSALIST SOCIETYHeld at Dixfield Last
Week.Marked Success From Every
Standpoint.

The annual sale of the Universalist Church Aid Society was held in their rooms in Masonic building Thursday afternoon and evening, Dec. 10th. The banquet hall looked very attractive with the several booths in different decorations. On entering the hall at your right was first seen the fancy work and apron table with decorations of red and white bunting. The ladies presiding at this table were Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Dillingham and Mrs. Randall, and the many useful and fancy articles on sale found ready customers. Work and fancy aprons of every size, quality and color, mats, dollies, shawls, mittens, leggings and slippers were found here. Next in line was the miscellaneous booth, with dainty dress, and among the great variety of articles here found were scrap boxes, blotting pads, kid gloves, several views of Dixfield and vicinity, a pin and comb, ornamented with Hot Springs diamonds (gifts of Mrs. Hiram Cox, a former resident of this place and now spending the winter with her husband at Hot Springs, Ark.) canned fruit, jellies, vegetables, a book of pressed flowers from Nation, Alaska, also a pair of slippers and snow shoes, work of Alaska Indians, the articles being presented to the society by Mrs. Noyes, who has been a resident of Alaska the past nine years and is now visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hosea Yetten. The ladies in charge were Mrs. Holt and Mrs. Johnston.

The food table was the center of attraction and was very noticeable with its decorations of red bunting and evergreen. Here were found viands to please the most fastidious, and the ladies presiding here found a ready sale for their great variety of delicious food. An angel cake graced the center of the table which clustered around were pies, cakes, cookies, and special mention should be made of the "Muster Gingerbread" made by Mrs. Myrtilla Newman, 80 years of age, Dutch cheese and doughnuts, white bread and cream puffs. Mrs. Holland and Miss Merrow were in charge at this booth. The handkerchief and collar booth with its very attractive dress of green and white ornamented with artificial lilies and roses was in charge of Mrs. Ida Brown, and a neat little sum was realized from the great variety of hand made dainty affairs which were readily disposed of.

The last was the candy booth and here presided Mrs. Alice Gates and Mrs. Isabel Russell; the decorations were very beautiful, white lace and evergreen being used. The large amount of home made candies in great variety with fruit punch found ready customers who were pleased with their purchases. The supper was a feature not to be omitted; the committee in charge was Mrs. Matilda Marsh, Mrs. Susan Marsh and Mrs. Edith Stowell, assisted by Mrs. Emily Frank, Mrs. Ethel Keene, Mrs. Mary Newman and a corps of waiters. The tables were very attractive and all compliments given were justly deserved. The baked beans and peas of several kinds, white and brown bread, cold meats and salads, pies, pickles and cakes of excellent quality and great in numbers, soon disappeared by the good patronage.

The sale was a success in every way. Financially, more was realized than was anticipated, and nearly every article was sold. Those who assisted outside of the society will please accept many thanks for their help. The annual meeting and election of officers will be held at the Masonic rooms, Thursday, January 7th, 1909. The annual report of all money received and expended during the year will be given by the Secretary, showing the financial standing of the society at the beginning of the year. It is hoped all members will be present at that meeting and several new names added to the list.

Why Cakes Fail.

Because inferior ingredients are used, such as rancid butter, inferior sugar, damp flour and doubtful eggs. Because either the butter is insufficiently beaten with the sugar or rubbed into the flour, or the eggs are not beaten enough.

Because the mixture is beaten after the flour is added, whereas all that should be done before.

The management of the oven is not understood and the cakes are either too dark or too pale.

The Rumford National Bank

In Rumford Falls is doing business
under the National Banking Act.The Result of Persistent
Saving is--Independence.

Every hundred dollars you save makes it easier to acquire thousands.

You can begin saving now,—\$1.00 opens an account at this bank.

We encourage you to save by paying interest on savings at the rate of FOUR per cent.

The Rumford National Bank--The Bank for the People.

For Christmas.

One of the best assortments of
Watches, Clocks, Jewelry and Sil-
vrrrare. A fine line of Christmas
cadse and booklets.

We make a speciality of engraving.

Joseph Jacques,

90 Congress St.,

Rumford, Maine.

CONG. SWASEY GETTING ON.

(From an Exchange.)

Rep. Swasey is beginning to say droll things about Congress, just as his Maine friends expected he would do. He strolled into the big room, which is just outside the offices of Speaker Cannon, Tuesday afternoon, shook hands with Ashor Hinds, the speaker's parliamentarian, had a few words with L. White Hushey, the speaker's secretary, and then stopped to tell a story or two.

"This is very nice applauding favors the first day of the session," quoth Mr. Swasey. "I felt pretty big myself for a while the other day. Do you know when I walked in upon the floor the members began cheering like the old boy. Well, I thought I was almost as prominent a man as the speaker, if they would cheer me like that."

"But I happened to notice at just that time, that Vice Pres.-elect Sherman was coming down the center aisle. He had entered the same time that I entered."

The Second district member encountered a number of Maine people around the Capitol. He wants to know where everyone of them comes from, county and town. He knows all about Maine, outside as well as inside his own Second district.

"Come from Somerset, old Somerset, do you?" said Mr. Swasey Tuesday afternoon to a new Maine acquaintance. "Not up North Anson way. Judge Simmons lives up there."

"Augustine Simmons."

"Well, I saw, the same," ejaculated Mr. Swasey. "He's a good probate judge and a fine type of man. A Republican, too, although all his fathers and grandfathers before him were Democrats. Yes, we have been friends for years."

This is only a sample of the way the new Second district congressman is making himself solid with the Maine colony. He is living the simple life but keeping his eyes wide open to see how state, respectable members of Congress are expected to "go it" in Washington. He has taken quarters over at the Hamilton Hotel, which is very much of a second Maine district hostelry any way.

Rep. Littlefield always lived there before him the late Rep. Dingley lived there all the years he was a lawmaker in Washington.

Then at the same hotel is "Bill" Frye, whom Mr. Swasey supported for Congress 20 or 30 years ago, whom "Bill" was running for a "single term" and declaring that this was all he wanted. Senator Frye long ago became an institution at the Hamilton Hotel. It would not know just what to do if a session of Congress began with out the Junior Maine senator occupying the southwest corner on the second floor.

Mr. Swasey says he hasn't been doing much beyond "exhibiting" himself around and that is becoming a little tiresome. But he considers himself with the idea that new members have to do exhibiting before the House can do them up. He is studying the way around the Capitol, looking for a way around the Capitol.

way out of the building without appealing for assistance from the guides or uninformed police. He has made a trip or two through the long tunnel to the House office building, where he is getting accustomed to the hang of things and making himself comfortable in his new offices, such as every congressman is provided with there.

However, the Maine congressman does not use the new office building much. It is too far away to suit them very well. Representative Allen has since offered over there but he says he does not go near them more than two or three times a week. He takes his work over to his own house, which is almost as near to the Capitol as is the office building.

But Mr. Swasey lives up town and the office building is more of a convenience to him. He will probably handle most of his correspondence from there. The Second district folks are already writing him lots of letters and he is buying himself attending to their errands.

EAST SUMNER.

Fred Harrows cut his foot with an axe and the doctor was obliged to take four stitches in dressing the wound.

Ezra Keene was called to Somerville, Mass. on account of the death of his sister, Mrs. Nellie Ricker. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Keene, as this is the fifth death that has occurred in his family within a year and a half.

Christmas services were held at both the Baptist and Congregational churches, which were prettily decorated. Rev. F. M. Lamb and Rev. B. C. Betton both spoke eloquently and interestingly of the significance of the Christmas tide. In the evening a Christmas concert was given at the Congregational church which gave great credit to its promoter, Rev. Eaton. A full chorus composed of the choir of both churches and the girl's Glee Club, rendered many beautiful selections. Miss Florence, the ten year old daughter of Mr. Bates, presided at the organ, and played the many difficult passages with surprising skill and accuracy. Mr. A. H. Harlow with his graphophone, furnished a few over wondrous gospel songs and the delightful "Christmas Bells." Mr. Bates gave a short address on the history of Christmas.

NORTH BUCKFIELD.

There will be an entertainment and Christmas tree, Wednesday evening at the Grange Hall. A sale in the afternoon.

Mrs. M. A. Warren has been visiting her mother, in Turner.

M. A. Sturtevant has come to spend a few weeks in the place. His daughter Laura has returned home.

J. M. Millett has taken the job to haul 100 cords of wood and load it on the cars for Clarence Foster. He has several teams at work for him.

Golden Barrett and wife were sailing on friends in the place Sunday. Schools in town closed last Friday for a few weeks' vacation.

Major Mather of Ipswich will spend Christmas with his father, Mr. J. H. Mather.

FIFTH ANNUAL CONCERT AND BALL,

Given by Dixfield Band; Was a Great Success.

The fifth annual concert and ball under the auspices of the Dixfield Band was given at Tuscan Opera House last Thursday evening. As usual the event was one of great importance to the people of Dixfield and adjoining towns and a large number were present.

From eight to nine o'clock the finest concert ever heard in Dixfield was presented by the full band assisted by Mrs. Wynfield Smith, who is one of the most popular singers in the State. Mrs. Smith sang a double number and was obliged to respond to an encore. She was accompanied by the band. Another feature of the concert was the chamber music played by Messrs. Thos. and Dana Holt and Miss Henrietta Thompson. The band itself has made marked progress during the past year under the direction of Dana Holt and the program which was carefully selected was as follows:

March—"Fifth Annual."
Overture—"Peter Schmoll."
Trio:
(a) "Simple Ave."
(b) "Menuetto."
G. Dana Holt, violin; Thomas P. Holt, cello; Henrietta B. Thompson, piano.
Concert waltz—"Return of Spring."
Exotic Military—"The Midnight Alarm."
Soprano Solo:
(a) "Designation."
(b) "Down the Garden Alley."
Wynfield Smith, Soloist.
Characteristic Piece—"Simplicity."
Selection—"Merry War."
Following the concert dancing was enjoyed until the " wee small hours " of the morning. At intermission a fine supper was served by the ladies of the Rebekah Lodge.

LIQUOR RAIDS IN RUMFORD.

Deputies Elliott and Poor raided several places in Rumford on Saturday and Monday and as a result procured "hard stuff" enough to keep a person supplied for a long time. The residence of Mrs. Eva Greenleaf was visited first and in a hide under the floor was found four quart bottles of whiskey, one hot and the other cold and one bottle of wine. In search of Mrs. Greenleaf was found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and costs which she settled.

The shop at 57 Canal St. was visited and Deputy Elliott found the bar tend at Geo. Curtis about to serve a glass of whiskey. Upon the entrance of Mr. Elliott, Curtis dropped the glass into a tub of water behind the bar. The glass which was half full of whiskey floated on the surface of the water and was discovered by the deputy. A quart bottle containing the same fluid was found in the man's pocket. In court Curtis paid a fine of \$100 and costs and was discharged.

Monday afternoon the officers of the North and Hoyt's Express Companies were visited. At the North Express Company's office boxes addressed to the following were seized: Emilie Desjar, box containing 10 quarts of whiskey; Mr. Shields, 10 quarts; Emilie Fourier, 10 quarts; Joe. Lamontagne, 10 quarts; North Ex. Co. quarts and W. R. Park 10 quarts.

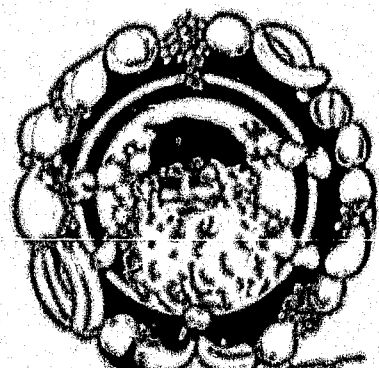
Hoyt's Express office, B. Ben and 4 quarts claret; L. Bouchard 3 quarts claret; D. Pougney 3 quarts claret.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of J. C. Watson



THE CHOICEST FRUITS

are here to help you make the Christmas food complete. Bananas, oranges, pears, apples, grapes, and all the others obtainable. Don't forget also that we handle only

THE PUREST AND FINEST CANDIES.

Manufactured for you.

RUMFORD FALLS, N. H.

NEW WONDERS TOLD OF ALASKA.

(Continued from Page One.)

A tunnel under contract with the London Exploration Company, a big syndicate that is developing its holdings in that section. When he started back for Fairbanks recently, he quit the main trail and struck out for the range, in order to do a little prospecting on some hills of which he had known a long time. He found some rich prospects on the hike, by no means the least interesting of which was a great ledge of heavily mineralized quartzite with mineral iron.

In his search of the outcroppings for tungsten, McDougall ran across a composition the true nature of which he could not define, despite his knowledge of minerals, and the fact that he worked it up with a blow pipe. His curiosity aroused, he pocketed a sample and brought it on to Fairbanks to be assayed.

The specimen was made up of pieces of the quartzite with fragments from the queer strings that scam the ledge, a brownish, chalk-like substance that takes a hue of bright red upon being pulverized and that dissolves readily and completely when mixed with water or oil.

This chalk proved to be pure mineral paint, the base of the heavy fire-proof paint so commonly used on box cars, heavy construction, etc.

Assayer Borstad made a searching examination of the specimens and returned the following analysis:

"The small pieces of red, chalk-like, is a composition of powdered muscovite and talcum chromite and calcium, soluble in water and containing an oily substance. The whole may be called mineral paint."

The rock proved to be a free milling ore, containing values of \$4.13 in gold and traces of silver.

McDougall is confident that he has found a very rich proposition as he has a big ledge in the place, with a width of fully 15 feet. He says that it is idly located for a depth of 800 feet on the ledge could be obtained with a tunnel of not more than 250 feet in length. As to the value of the strings of paint he is uncertain, but he has been informed that one of the greatest railway systems outside paid \$7,000,000 for a big deposit of the same material. Its uses and values are not confined to painting, being necessary to the manufacture of Bessemer steel and serving in many other important capacities.

McDougall was probably the first prospector to do real development work on the quartz prospects of this section, from the beginning he has been confident of the existence of rich propositions in hard rock on the nearby creeks, and has been representing properties of his own for several years. He was one of the first stakers on Willow and the head of Cleary, and a great deal of his ground has been jumped in the recent quartz boom. He will remain here some time, tunneling and doing assessment work on some of his properties, but after he has finished, intends to return to the Alaska range to prospect further and to locate on the ledge in which he has found such excellent prospects.

PAPER MEN PLAN TO PRESERVE FORESTS.

The International Paper Company has declared its intention to become a pioneer in the preservation of the country's forests to insure the supply of pulp wood. Action to set the innovation in motion will be taken at the next meeting of the Board of Directors, to be held soon. This company, which owns about 900,000 acres of timber land, intends to use the methods advocated by the conservation convention just closed, especially that of limiting the cutting to the amount of the annual growth.

Two of the company's officials, Chester W. Lyman and C. H. Grilling, were in conference today with Clifford Pascho, chief of the government forestry service with the object of obtaining suggestions for this and other forestry methods suggested by the conservation convention.

"The International Paper Company," Mr. Lyman said, "has for some years been operating on lands in the United States with a view to preserving them as a permanent source of supply for pulp wood. We have never before to limit cutting of timber on our lands to the amount of the annual growth. By judicious tree planting on burned over and waste lands it is hoped to ultimately increase the yield or crop that may be removed annually. The presence of small growth on the lands at present bearing the timber renders general tree planting unnecessary, as the young trees will replace those cut. No trees will be cut which are below the diameter specified by trained foresters."

This, it was explained, averages twelve inches in diameter, but does not necessarily mean that all trees must be left standing under this measurement, as it often occurs that advantage is given to younger trees in growth when the older trees are removed. Distribution of forests by tree size also is noted at the conference with Mr. Pascho.

The conclusion by the company is as follows:

CHRISTMAS AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

Buntings and shadows, happiness and misery, have mingled together in the celebration of Christmas at the White House since the days of President Adams to the present.

Mrs. John Adams, the first mistress of the White House, had an unpleasant experience. Her husband had taken her to Philadelphia, on the 4th of March, 1797, and on the 10th of November, 1800, came to Washington, the White House being announced as ready for occupancy. But the good lady found the building anything but ready, and in a letter to a friend she said that not a single apartment was finished; no single yard, no convenience whatever, without, "and the great unfinished audience room I make a drying room for my hang up the clothes in." Two articles we are much distressed for. One is bells, but the more important one is wood. Yet you cannot see for trees. We have used about nine cord trying to dry the walls of the house. Congress poured in, but shiver, shiver! I have no looking glass but dreads for this house nor a twentieth part of lamps enough to light it.

With the families of the president's cabinet and a few invited guests from Georgetown Mrs. Adams celebrated the first Christmas at the White House, but her letters clearly show that she was not entirely happy in the unfinished "great house in the wilderness," and after four months she returned to the family estate at Quincy, Mass., and during her husband's administration did not return save on visits.

Thomas Jefferson's White House Christmas was truly after the "Jeffersonian simplicity" style. Mr. Jefferson was a widower, and when he came to Washington in 1801 to be inaugurated as chief executive he rode horseback from his estate at Monticello accompanied by even a servant. He was the first president to take the oath of office in Washington, and the reception at the White House that evening was the greatest affair during his administration. He had four daughters, the eldest, Martha, presiding at the White House during her father's second administration. While Christmas had not been celebrated to any extent during the first administration, Miss Martha made it exceedingly interesting after she became the first lady.

Christmas trees and entertainments of every kind were arranged for the children, and in these the president would take part.

While James Madison served two full terms—1809-1817—as president, he and his beautiful wife, Dolley, did not spend all of these in the White House, but it was a joyous Christmas each year for them. Mrs. Madison would not have it any other way. In fact, the eight years of Madison's administration were the most brilliant as well as the most exciting in the history of American society. Before the British sacked and burned the White House in August, 1814, Mrs. Madison had for five years shown to Washington folk how to celebrate Christmas. It was the brilliant woman's pleasure to entertain rather than to please her friends than to gain glory for herself, and each Christmas was indeed a joyous season for every inmate of the White House, from the humblest servant to the president. Mrs. Madison always invited many of her friends to these Christmas celebrations, and during the holiday week there was all ways one evening set apart for the entertainment of her little friends, the children. After the British soldiers interrupted the morning breakfast at the White House and made a bonfire of the building the president took up his residence in the noted Octagon House, where they resided for about two years and then moved to a residence at the corner of Nineteenth street and Pennsylvania avenue. In these two houses Mrs. Madison continued to dispense Christmas cheer, but on a smaller scale.

French methods of cooking and serving dinners at the White House were inaugurated by Mrs. James Monroe in 1817, when her husband became chief executive, and along with the Christmas turkey, baked in the "Old Virginia" style, satelish dishes came into vogue.

Although it is a matter of history that in 1858, about a year after John Quincy Adams took the oath of office as president, congress protested against a bill for billiard tables for the White House, declaring billiard playing a source of gambling and "alarming to the religious, moral and the reflecting portion of the community." President Adams was not a speedthrift, and it was a difficult matter to get him to agree in Christmas celebrations. He believed in great simplicity, and once even controlled every action of his life, even to wearing one hat for ten years. He was notably the shabbiest dressed man that ever occupied the White House. To celebrate Christmas after the New England style was sufficient for him, and Santa Claus did not cut much of a figure during the four years of Mr. Adams' administration.

President Andrew Jackson during his two terms says that Christmas was "the best time of the year for a family."

The conclusion by the company is as follows:

WEST PARIS.

The Weekly Happenings as Gleaned by Our Special Staff Reporter.

A union Christmas tree will be held by the three Sunday Schools at Centennial Hall, Thursday evening, Dec. 24th. The committee will be there from early in the afternoon to attend to placing gifts on the tree. There will be a social and games for the children the last of the afternoon and a lunch will be given them. In the evening there will be some entertainment appropriate to the season and distribution of gifts to which the public is invited.

The village schools opened Monday with Miss Edith M. Clark of Burlington as the grammar grade teacher, Mrs. Ridlon as assistant and Miss Stecher of Sabattus is again in the primary room.

The Rebekah entertainment was well attended last Friday evening considering the stormy weather. The program was well carried out and beside the drama "Out of His Sphere," consisted of an organ duet "On the Boulevard" by Miss Brown and Miss Tuell, also instrumental music on violin and organ, a song by Mrs. C. H. Bates, a recitation by Carl Hayes and readings by Mrs. W. H. Lurvey, Mrs. M. S. Davis and Miss Blinnor H. Tuell. The program closed with a series of tableaux which included scenes in a courtship, "Broken Vows" and "The Goddess of Liberty." This was followed by a sociable for the young people.

G. A. Smith has been on a hunting trip.

E. D. Stillwell has been quite seriously ill for a week of what came very near an attack of pneumonia.

Rev. R. L. Kimball, who has preached several months for the Baptist society, has finished his pastorate here and has been well liked by his people and made many friends. After a short visit at his home at Vienna he expects to attend the Moody Bible School at Chicago. The Baptist society have extended a call to Rev. L. W. Raymond of Dixfield to become their pastor and feel very much pleased to think he has accepted.

E. H. Hill and family will vacate the rent in E. R. Davis' house and occupy the house owned by Mrs. Susan B. Clafin. Mrs. Clafin who is ill of a cancer on the face is to be cared for by Mr. Hill.

John L. Marshall is at home for a couple of weeks at the holiday season. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Bickor of Falmouth are spending a week at Albert J. Bickor's.

Mr. L. C. Bates is greatly improved in health. Miss Jennie M. Brown entertained the Lucky Leaf Club Wednesday evening, the occasion being a Christmas party.

whose husband was the president's secretary, assumed the duties of first lady, and who was Jackson's niece, but he called her "daughter," and she was very fond of the sad hearted man and was of great assistance to him in the turbulent administration. During the eight years the president left in the hands of "daughter" all arrangements for Christmas.

President Lincoln took a leading hand in all the holiday festivities. When he entered the White House he had three sons, but the second one, William, died in 1862. Tad, another son, died shortly after the assassination of his father. Like her husband, Mrs. Lincoln believed in giving the children all the pleasure possible, and each Christmas found a splendid Christmas tree laden with presents not only for the boys, but for the employees of the White House, regardless of color—Washington Star.

DEATH OF MRS. C. L. MILLS.

Mrs. Charles L. Mills of Wells St. passed away at the Lewiston hospital on Thursday after a short illness of typhoid pneumonia. Mrs. Mills was about the house on Tuesday although suffering of a severe cold. Tuesday night she was taken decidedly worse and the physician who was called ordered her removal to the hospital. She lived only about five hours after reaching the hospital. The remains were brought back to Rumford Friday.

The funeral was held Saturday conducted by Capt. W. B. Jones of the Salvation Army. The body was placed in the tomb at Swanville cemetery. The deceased is survived by a husband and seven children.

A memorial service will be held at the Salvation Army's new hall on Congress street, Sunday, Dec. 28th at eight p. m. Friends are invited to attend.

Never Seen It.

Ido—Why haven't you been to see me?

Daily—Just look at the weather.

Ido—What? Who? In a hurry?

Daily—What? Who? In a hurry?

LINES BY ALBERT W. GROVER.

Co. B, 23rd Regt. Me. Vols.

Whiling away the lonesome hours of a sick room on the evening of the annual installation of officers of Brown Post, No. 84, and Brown Reformer Corps, No. 36, G. A. R., Dept. of Maine, January 8, 1908.

Dear Comrades Brown Post, G. A. R., All gathered now in camp, I seem to hear each voice afar. The sacred oath to chant,

Appointed Chaplain, worthy name, If I could worthy be, I'd ask no more for Christian fame, Than that would honor me.

I much regret I'm not in line, At roll call give my name, But trust I may some future time Be there and give the same.

A Past Commander, "Major True," An expert in the chair, Will grace the work the evening through And cause the Vets. to swear.

The title "Major" he attained, While at his home, a boy, It quite increased his tactic fame In "Uncle Sam's employ."

In history too his name goes down As one his post did keep, When such grave danger lurked around, As that of biting sheep.

The Major always knew good meat, And where to find it, too, 'Twas not so strange a fattened sheep Might get into his stew.

Stern justice smelted the steaming meat, The facts he had to give, You have it straight that "NO" a sheep Can bite me twice and live."

Our Post Commander Hutchinson The bravest of our land, Left battlefield in crimson, With blood of his right hand.

The hand deformed he still retains, Sad relic of the war, His pension counts the limb as lost, That's good for pension law.

Next, Moses Coburn, Senior Vice, The tallest man in sight, Who never failed to show the spice Whenever called to fight.

He keeps himself in youthful trim, And lends an easy life, With best of aid to help therein, A young and brilliant wife.

Levi Baggett, Junior Vice, Found always at the Post, Could we rely on more like him Our ranks would count a host.

Beside the fact he's always there, His face is full of cheer, The one who's seat is near his chair, Won't fail his voice to hear.

His wife is also jolly too, In public reading, fine, But should Levi try to do, He'll show at supper time.

On left in Quarter Master's desk, Long filled by A. S. G., It's there the boys all "halt! at rest!" And pay their annual fee.

Comrade Chapman's pleasant home Is graced by Father's pen, A fine musician, sweet is tone And Deibel's wittiest grin.

On right is Comrade Barrow's seat, The oldest man we boast, He spreads the records all so neat, Best penman in the Post.

He seldom falls our social meets, We much rely on him To dignify the central seats, With Grace, ere we begin.

Comrade Barker takes O. G., In Post love up-to-date, His work will be just to a T, And suit the phrase "red tape."

His daily dress is without flaws, His arteries seldom pause, His brain and pockets full of laws And all the while he's filling laws.

In general news he's up-to-date, In family ties well read, We get all such of him of late, Once had from "Uncle Ned."

Comrade Jordan takes O. G., The smiling year to fill, At close of year we then shall see, He's neatly filled the bill.

It is no wonder that his wife So often with him seen, Should have a face bespeaking life, Much like a pleasant dream.

At State and National annual meets, When we meet our business head, We'll find him there, with all his wit, And all his goodly head.

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Post Surgeons' duties call for skill, Not always found with ease, Tho' Sanborn says a quinine pill With whiskey kills disease.

So thus it is he gets the place, As cash in hand is low, With that one pill he saves the case And sets disease ago.

At last that quinine pill was best, He owned it at the last, The new disease it failed to treat "Old Pollium Flabbergast."

As time went on our country grew, While Lincoln came secession flew, When Lincoln came secession flew, J. F. Davis led the swarm.

The swarm of men faced South and flew, Jeff Davis, drove ahead, A four years war from this stop grew, Which laid secession dead.

In southern climes he led the clan, In congress made a mark, Which gave him strength to lay his plan, On slavery to embark.

Our Flag was hung in freedom's name, While 'neath its folds at work Were thousands in the human form With beads of burden yoked.

This cannot last as in the past, Our country shall be free, It came to us that noble task We paid an awful fee.

We honor much our dear old Flag, Our efforts made new-born, It bears full freedom on the breeze Forever on and on.

Dear sisters of the Relief Corps, God Bless you every one, Your noble works span all the land And reach from South to sun.

What should we do, the G. A. R., Without your firm support, You've been to us a guiding star And held our Post aloft.

With Sons of Veterans' willing aid, You'll have this work to do, The last old comrade lay to rest, The last will come be through.

You'll smooth his pillow, cool his brow, And walk his soul depart, His record good, sweet angels wait, To help him make his mark.

He's gone to rest, but one word more, You'll guard these sacred sites, Keep fresh and green, his resting place, Beneath the stars and stripes.

IT IS SERIOUS.

Some Maine People Fail To Realize the Seriousness.

The constant aching of a bad back, The weariness, the tired feeling, The pains and aches of kidney life Are serious if neglected. Dangerous urinary troubles follow. A Rumford Falls citizen shows you how to avoid them.

Mrs. E. C. Tibbette, living at 471 Prospect Ave., Rumford Falls, Me., says: "I suffered from kidney trouble for several years, the attacks coming on every few months. There were pains in my back and sides and the kidney secretions passed too frequently. I took a number of remedies but none proved of benefit until I began using Doan's Kidney Pills. I have since been feeling much better and the kidney secretions are more regular. I willingly recommend this excellent remedy for sale by all dealers. Price 25 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., 263 1/2 New York, sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other. 12 15 2 1

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Henry T. Elliot late of Fryburg Academy Grad in the County of Oxford, deceased. All given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

ALLISON BROWN, 12 15 2 1

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LAVONNE M. POWELL, 12 15 2 1

SALVATION WORK.

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DON'T FORGET TO BARE.

The entertainment given on Friday evening in the hall of the Baptist society was a success. It was a work of love and mercy. It was a work that is needed in every age and in every land. It is a work that is needed in every heart and in every home. It is a work that is needed in every church and in every society. It is a work that is needed in every nation and in every world.

SCORED.

The Maine League offered various prizes for its annual meeting and 10. The Bethel Church, being one of the best, won a prize of \$400. Class 6 prize of \$100.00. The samples scored but not winning. The Bethel Church, being one of the best, won a prize of \$400. Class 6 prize of \$100.00. The samples scored but not winning.

LETTER PAID.

Mrs. Wilbert K. to the house by surprise letter put up by her mother with whom she was boarding this week. She was surprised by the letter and was very glad to hear from her mother. She was very glad to hear from her mother.